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## 30! CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF The GEM

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ABOVE: The children of All Saints Church in Wales primary school have been helping to celebrate The GEM'S 30th 'birthday'. (See page 18).

## MORE CALLS FOR SECOND ISLAND ROAD AFTER MORE TRAFFIC JAMS

THERE have been renewed calls for a second road to Barry Island, following more traffic congestion sparked by the hot weather over the Bank Holiday weekend, writes **TIM CHAPMAN**.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, pointed out that council officers had opened three car

parks in a bid to cope with the huge influx of day-trippers, and that traffic management at busy times on the Island was under review.

One business owner told The GEM that traffic delays on the road to the Island, and in the town, had actually lost him trade on a day when many local businesses were looking forward to an early-season sales bonanza.

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### 25 YEARS AFTER SEX ATTACK...

## A former Venture Scout is jailed for 10 months

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A FORMER Venture Scout patrol leader for a troop based in Dinas Powys, has been jailed for 10 months at Cardiff Crown Court for carrying out a sex attack on a teenager.

At the time, Antony Brooke was 18 and his victim 15, prosecutor Peter Davies told the court.

Brooke, 43, who had no previous convictions, and who works in Carlisle as a chef, admitted to a charge of indecent assault.

Mr Davies said that at the time of the offence, the Scout group were camping and the defendant shared a two-man tent with the teenager.

At one point, the victim felt Brooke's hands on him. He pretended to be asleep and made no complaint. But one-and-a-half years later, he told a girl-friend, and she made a diary entry of it.

"He was in tears telling her. He suffered post traumatic stress disorder and in February, reported the matter to the police," said Mr Davies.

He said the incident had haunted the victim and he had never told his parents.

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## 'FLIGHTS CUT AT CARDIFF'

**I**HAVE just read Phillip Irwin's article in The GEM of April 18. The reason that I have only just read it is that I have just returned from a visit to Antalya in Turkey.

I flew from Bristol because, contrary to the impression given by Thomas Cook to your reporter, they have dramatically reduced some services.

Last year, and for many years before, I was able to fly into Antalya from Cardiff and did so many times each year, going to my holiday home there.

In 2012, Thomas Cook operated a weekly service from April until October and never was I on a less than full flight. This represented some

5,400 passengers each way – 10,800 passenger movements each year now lost from Cardiff to Bristol.

Incidentally, the average Thomas Cook price per flight was 10-15 per cent greater from Cardiff than the equivalent flight from Bristol. However, the proximity of Cardiff Airport to my home offset the extra cost involved.

I have asked Thomas Cook to provide their reasons for no longer servicing Antalya airport, without reply.

It would also be interesting to ask Thomas Cook why they charge more from Cardiff than from Bristol.

Does the answer involve higher landing charges in Cardiff, I wonder?

Roger Grigg, Barry.

## 'Time to sort out this bus service'

**I**READ with interest the article (in The GEM) by Jane Hutt AM on Cardiff Airport and enterprise zone.

While this is good news, how can you generate jobs when as of July 19, the only bus service to serve St Athan, Rhosce and Barry town centre will be stopped?

This service (X45) has over the past number of years become so bad that you cannot plan any journey as you do not know if a bus will turn up.

This has been reported many times to both the papers and local councillors and AMs.

It is surely past time when something needs to be done about this, as the railway only serves the bottom end of Barry, and does not serve St Athan.

Robert Cameron, Rhosce.

## 'SOCIETY WAS DISMANTLED'

**I**HAVE been greatly interested in the correspondence in The GEM about Margaret Thatcher's legacy to Britain, and I agree with everything negative said about her.

This is how I feel: Where there was concord, Margaret Thatcher brought discord. She made a virtue of financial greed and privatised all major industries, leaving greedy capitalists to make massive and shameful profits at the expense of hard-working people.

She destroyed our manufacturing industry, the backbone of any strong economy, turning the British economy into a service industry.

She handed our North Sea oil on a plate to foreign greed, unlike Norway.

She dismantled society by promoting policies as if there is no society. She famously said: "There is no such thing as society."

Individual greed now thrives. No-one in any political party seems to have the guts to challenge her legacy, to the distress of many of us. Marc Delaney, Barry.

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## COUNCIL LEADER REPLIES... 'Car parking charges WERE agreed in Vale'

**I**T seems that I have got under the skin of Andrew RT Davies, the Conservative Leader in the Assembly again. He claims that the last Conservative administration in the Vale did not agree to have car parking charges throughout the Vale.

However, they did – as is stated in a report to cabinet from the then Conservative Leader on July 20, 2011, which agreed the medium term financial plan for the period 2011/12 to 2014/15, where it recommended 'the full roll-out of car parking charges'.

This was subsequently confirmed when the final proposals for the Revenue Budget 2012/2013 were agreed.

Mr Davies's Vale Council colleagues are aware of this. In fact, the current Conservative chairman of the economy and environment Scrutiny Committee has already stated that he will vacate the chair if a report comes to his committee to oppose any car parking plans, because he was not in favour of them when his

then Leader put them forward initially.

As this decision was in place, that was the reason why we took a report to cabinet last October to overturn their decision to charge for car parking at the Llantwit Major beach, the Knap Terrace, Penarth cliff-top and Penarth Marina car parks.

Mr Davies also seems to be suggesting that we should introduce free parking for a period of two hours.

That is amazing and clearly he did not read all that I wrote, as this is exactly what I also suggested!

It is a shame he did not read that part of my article, but there again, he probably did – but I suppose he will do his usual trick of claiming it was his idea, if that is what we finally agree.

I suggest that he waits for our cabinet proposals before he makes any further comment. Coun Neil Moore, Barry  
(Leader, Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council)

## Rugby story brought back great memories

**I**READ David Griffiths' recent article about Llantwit Major rugby in the early 1960s with great interest and pleasure, and it brought back particular memories of those days, when rugby football was played with skill and passion... Not the boring fare being served up today.

When Llantwit Major RFC successfully retained the Silver Ball trophy in the 1964/65 season, they defeated my own club, Kenfig Hill RFC (The Mules) in the final. This was held on April 21, 1965, at the Brewery Field, Bridgend.

It was a close and hard-fought game and could have gone either way. In the end, the siege gun left boot of fly-half Doug Vizard had the final say. His long-range penalty goal gave Llantwit Major a 3-0 victory.

Regarding Viv Griffiths – he broke his leg badly on February 27, 1965, when Llantwit Major played The Mules at Kenfig Hill (the game ended in a 6-6 draw).

I was playing at full back that day, and will always remember the terrible break that Viv suffered, which happened only yards away from me. Viv got his

legs 'caught up' on the touchline with his opposing wing three quarters. His lower leg ended up at 'right angles'! This was a truly serious accident and I believe that this injury finished the playing career of Viv Griffiths. I don't think he ever played rugby football again.

In those days, Llantwit Major and Kenfig Hill enjoyed some really hard and close-fought games.

The mention in your article of other names were also of nostalgic interest.

Jeff Hill was a talented player at centre and wing three-quarter. He left Llantwit Major RFC and joined Kenfig Hill RFC for a season in 1968/69. I played alongside him on many occasions while he was at the club.

Also, other players such as Neil (Punchy) Thomas, a tremendously strong hooker, Gwilym Lewis (I met him in Rome shortly before he died), and Robert (Nat) Davies, an exceptional flank-forward, and later long-serving secretary of Llantwit Major RFC... All tremendous servants at Llantwit Major.

I look forward to seeing any further article after the 50th anniversary function...

Tony Lewis, Former secretary, Kenfig Hill RFC.

## How stage was set for World War One

**A**S we are now approximately 16 months from the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the First World War – 'The War to end all Wars' (whoever said that?) it is instructive to consider the European political map at that time.

Russia, of course, was the largest country and then included Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Belarus, Finland and similar, now independent, entities. Germany had only recently been created from numerous principalities, dukedoms and kingdoms, with the Kaiser coming from militaristic Prussia.

Austro-Hungary was a dual monarchy and included such present states as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Slovenia – but not Serbia, which it regarded as a renegade upstart and this was the powder keg which would ignite the Great War.

Hungary was a powerful constituent part of Austro-Hungary, but was

twice the size of the present state and included Transylvania, now part of Romania, ceded after the war to that country under the treaty of Trianon.

There was, of course, an active trades union movement flexing its muscles in most countries.

Spain, unusually, had a very large anarchist and anarcho-syndicalist movement.

The Bolsheviks were increasingly active in Russia and the Ukraine – which later followed Pere Makhno, an anarchist 'green' leader, who led his followers to fight both the Reds and the Whites in the Civil War after the 1917 Revolution.

Irish nationalism was rampant, Welsh less so, and over the 'pond', America largely despised European intrigues and kept away from them as much as possible – at least until 1917.

This was the stage set for 1914, and the fatal shot fired by a young student, Gavrilo Princip, in Sarajevo in July, 1914.

Christopher Short, Barry.

## Cost of black bags

**T**HE Vale of Glamorgan Council has decided to stop supplying the black bin liners to residents because of "environmental issues."

It has said that it wants residents to buy their own black bags, but this is a conflicting statement – residents would still be using black liners, as these would still be going to the landfill sites.

It is a fact that it is possible to buy a pack of bin liners for as little as 47p in the local shops, and buying in bulk would cost the authority even less.

Only the cost of printing the name of the council would be expensive, and not a necessary requirement.

Council tax has now gone up by 4.6 per cent – I am sure that the bin liners would have been costed in some time ago, making the 4.6 per cent rise even higher.

I also have an issue with the fact that the authority claimed it is to reduce funding in the future.

We are striving to live in a cleaner, safer environment and yet this administration seems to want to undo all the work that has been done over the previous years. (Name and address supplied).

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL May 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
09 Thur	06.49	9.3	19.09	9.4
10 Fri	07.26	9.3	19.44	9.4
11 Sat	08.02	9.3	20.17	9.5
12 Sun	08.37	9.2	20.51	9.2
13 Mon	09.11	9.1	21.21	9.0
14 Tues	09.44	8.8	21.57	8.8
15 Wed	10.15	8.5	22.29	8.4
16 Thur	10.54	8.2	23.11	8.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.



# Bank holiday traffic jams renew calls for Island road

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Mark Vockins, who runs Quasar, said: "The roads in the town on Monday were choc-a-bloc."

"I had a call from one customer who said they were stuck on the top road (Port Road) for two hours."

"Because of the delays, I had to start phoning my customers to warn them they would set off in time."

"I phoned one woman in Peterston-Super-Ely two hours before her slot, and it took her an hour and a quarter to arrive - normally the journey would take half an hour."

Mr Vockins said one group of customers had abandoned their journey to the Island from Cardiff, leading to him losing business.

"There's an urgent need for a second road into the Island."

"I also think a 'park and ride' system should be introduced to bring people onto the Island on very busy days."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said he had heard from several traders who had contacted him following what he termed the "gridlock debacle" on Bank Holiday Monday.

He explained: "Access to Barry Island is key. Visitors and residents alike need to be able to get on and off the Island efficiently."

"This part of Barry has a fantastic opportunity to be a year round magnet to attract tourists and helping to generate



ABOVE: Mark Vockins of Quasar discussing the issue of traffic problems with the local MP, Alun Cairns.

more employment.

"Having met and spoken to the Waterfront developer, they explained that they offered the Vale Council the option of either building the road all the way to the Island or to build social housing."

"Not one of the many residents and businesses who have contacted me on this issue has asked for the social housing development on the Island to take priority over the building of the new access road."

"I've called on the council and the Welsh Government to prioritise the new access road."

"A new road to Barry Island would be a good start - the regular gridlocks to and from the town of Barry just cannot continue."

"Businesses simply cannot afford to lose money due to traffic issues, and taking over three hours to leave a car park on the Island is simply unacceptable."

In a letter to The

GEM, the Leader of the Vale Council, Neil Moore said the Waterfront developers had to build the road, but were not prepared to do so at the moment despite the Welsh Government offering them an interest free loan to help the project.

"I UNDERSTAND FRUSTRATION"

He said: "I can understand the frustration, particularly at busy times like bank holidays when the road system cannot cope with the volume of traffic trying to enter and leave the resort on these days, as was the case again this last Bank Holiday."

"It is a fact that on sunny days people want to go to the beach."

"We opened all three car parks including Nell's Point, but the sheer numbers coming

to the Island were so very large it was a problem."

"However, we know that the traders had a great day and thought that everything that could be done had been done."

"The traffic system worked well until all the car parks were full and our officers did as good a job as possible, but obviously we will again review what happened as a matter of urgency and consider what additional action we can take in the future."

(The Leader's full letter is reproduced below)

• There are conflicting views as to why a second road to the Island is being delayed. To find out what the Vale Council and the Waterfront Consortium have to say, please turn to page 5.

## 'Council is reviewing traffic delays to Island'

I READ with interest the comments about the delays in getting the new road to Barry Island and they seemed to suggest that it was the council that was holding up the road.

This is not the case. The road has to be built by the Waterfront developers but they are not currently prepared to do so, despite the Welsh Government offering them an interest free loan to build it.

The Vale Council is doing all that it can to get the developers to build the road too, but it is not that easy to negotiate with them, because they seem to not want to do it.

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leave the resort on these days, as was the case again this last bank holiday. It is a fact that on sunny days people want to go to the beach. We opened all three car parks including Nell's Point, but the sheer numbers coming to the Island were so very large it was a problem.

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COUN NEIL MOORE, (Leader, Vale County Borough Council).

## VALE MAGISTRATES COURT IS BEING DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR... Thompson Street's new £5.4M development

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

THE changing face of Barry's Thompson Street is set to continue in May with the demolition of the Vale Magistrates Court to make way for a new £5.4 million residential and retail development.

The court opened in 1976 and over the years thousands of people attended it as staff, legal representatives, witnesses - and defendants.

It closed in 2011 and magistrates cases from the Vale are now either heard in Cardiff or Bridgend.

Newydd Housing Association is the organisation embarking on the new project.

Paul Roberts, its chief executive, said: "Work is moving quickly on this exciting new develop-



ment, and we will keep local residents up to date with plans through local media, Facebook and Twitter."

"Should residents be interested in applying for homes in the future we encourage them to apply through the Homes4U 'common housing register' where an application form will need to be completed."

Newydd has emphasised that the work of

transforming the site of the former Vale Magistrates Court is another important step in local regeneration.

Demolition work will begin on Monday, May 13 by contractors Aberdare Demolition and is scheduled to be completed in August.

The development will include 52 affordable houses and flats as well as retail units. Construction of the residential and retail space will begin on site at the end of 2013.

The project is being funded by the Welsh Government and private finance secured by Newydd.

An image of how the former Vale Magistrates' site in Barry will look when the transformation to flats and retail units is complete.

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## NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

## Project combines art and poetry



ABOVE: The group display their artwork after completing the project.

'A Smack of Jellyfish' is an exciting literacy and art project that recently visited Barry Comprehensive School.

Students are asked to explore language and art through focusing on an animal of their choice, creating a collective noun for the animal and then creating a collage of art work.

English and art teachers had the challenging task of choosing just 24 of our more able and tal-

ented students and, once chosen, the students had only had four days to work on the project.

They were well supported by a film editor, an artist and a poet. The work really allowed boys to explore language and image, stretching all students.

The finished work will be collated into Barry Comprehensive School's own 'A Smack of Jellyfish' work, but the poems and art work will

also be displayed in Barry Library.

We can only anticipate 'A Harmony of Blue Peacocks', 'A Frolic of Red Pandas' and 'A Flash of Peregrine Falcons'... we look forward to seeing the final poems and their accompanying art work.

A huge thank you to Allan Golding, Claire Potter and Sarah Defriend who came in to work with our students.

AC



Working on a design together

## News from the PIPS

ON April 26, Positive Image Photographic Society (PIPS) held its last meeting of the year – the AGM, when the members thanked the chairman Mr Guy Butler-Madden, for guiding the new group through the course designed to help them understand the complexities of 'Photoshop', which will prepare them for taking part in PIPS new programme, due to start at the beginning of September.

The thirst for knowledge continues, with the weekly summer course which started on May 2.

The subject this time is a specialist branch of photography rarely seen in club circles, namely 'Stereoscopic Photography' or as it is better known '3-D'.

With the increasing public interest in the subject, there seem to be good 3-D films available in the multiplex cinemas. With high technical standards, coupled with the price of '3-D' TV

sets, becoming more affordable, this 'new' world of 3-D is here to stay.

PIPS is leading the way to a greater understanding of 3-D, by holding a summer school – to teach folk how they can, at no cost, using their own camera, take 3-D images, process them in a 'free' programme, print the images, and view them with 3-D specs, in the first two lessons.

The instructor for this course, Bernard Brown, has over 30 years' experience in this field, and gained a Fellowship in 3-D, with the Royal Photographic Society.

He is a member of PIPS, so is always on hand to answer questions on 3-D.

Eight members attended the first lesson and will continue to be taught weekly. For information on 3-D, or next year's programme, telephone Guy Butler-Madden on 01446 751389 or Bernard Brown on 01446 408483.

We meet in St Baruc's church hall Barry Island on Thursdays (winter programme) at 7.30 pm; all are welcome.

BB

## Warm tributes are paid to Colin Pike – master of akido

A FUNERAL service held at Barry Memorial Hall recently celebrated the life of Colin Pike, a major figure in the sport of akido.

Warm tributes were paid to Colin (73) who died peacefully at home on April 11 with his family at his side.

He was a major driving force in akido, not just in Wales, but inspiring people throughout the UK.

Among the tributes was one highlighting the legacy he leaves for those involved in local akido.

"So how do you sum up some who has given so much to this martial art? Well he had boundless energy, as anyone who has practiced with him will know.

"He was an excellent teacher, especially with the beginners and children.

"He was single minded in getting what he wanted. He did have an amazing passion and spirit for the love of akido and those involved in it.

"There is much made today about legacy and

that this is Colin's main achievement.

"Without the clubs he set up, most of us would not have become involved in akido.

"We would not have made the friends we have.

"It's an environment where some met their future wives, or brought their girlfriends who became their wives.

"We went to each other's weddings, some became 'best men', and went to friends' children's christenings.

"All this would not have been possible without Colin and we would have been the poorer for it..."

The service at the Memorial Hall was organised by The Vale Funeral Service and was followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery.

Colin is survived by his wife Elaine, children, Julie, Piero, Nicola and Gareth, and grandchildren, Miriam, Jean-Luc, Olivia and Brandon.



THE LATE COLIN PIKE.

## CHOIR RECRUITS

ALLEGRO, Penarth Voices in Harmony ladies choir, has started rehearsals for their autumn concerts and have vacancies for second sopranos and altos.

There is no formal audition. The choir, under musical director, Ray Dibble, rehearses on Thursday evenings at Bethel Chapel in Plassey Street, Penarth.

Call 02920 217681 for further information.

"Thanks to the GEM, a number of ladies have joined the choir, making new friends through music," a spokesman reports.

## Choir's visit to 'home of Dutch cheese'



BMVC chairman Gareth Roberts makes a presentation to Joop Meijers, the Gouda Liedertafel choir's vice-chairman.

BARRY Male Voice Choir returned from its recent visit to Gouda, Holland, laden with cheese and happy, enduring memories of a wonderful trip.

Choristers and supporters alike agreed that the visit had been excellent in every respect. Each day presented an insight into life around the town of Gouda.

A visit to a cheese farm where the famous Gouda cheese is made was followed by a tour of the world-famous windmills at Kinderdijk, where some of the party strolled and others successfully joined the throng of cyclists in completing the circuit.

A final visit to Rotterdam, one of the largest container ports in the world, completed the visits, throughout which an interesting commentary was given in perfect English by Rob Koopmans.

Joop Meijers, vice-chairman of the Gouda Liedertafel choir, was also in attendance.

On Friday night, Barry Male Voice extended its commitment to serving the wider community, this time in Holland, by singing at the Korte Akkeren Residential Home, where the choir was enthusiastically received by the large audience.

Saturday night's concert was undoubtedly the highlight of the visit.

The venue, a Dutch Reform Church, provided a theatrical backdrop flooded in light. The capacity audience revelled in an evening of male voice singing at its best.

Rousing choruses, Welsh hymns, and subtle harmonies were sung in turn by both choirs, all to rapturous applause.

The unannounced rendering of 'Myfanwy' in Welsh by the Gouda Liedertafel Choir delighted and surprised the Welsh part of the audience.

The emotional excitement was raised even higher when, again without warning, the Barry Male Voice sang 'Het

Lied van Zuid Holland', a folk song of the area, in Dutch. There followed a standing ovation to remember, an explosion of applause which resonated around the church.

The shared musical bond between the two choirs was further cemented when a joint rendering of 'You'll Never Walk Alone' was conducted in part by Han Louis Meyer, musical director of Gouda Liedertafel, and Dorothy Connell, musical director of Barry Male Voice Choir.

An afterglow involving the two choirs, their friends and supporters continued at the Ons Dorp restaurant well into the night, where presentations were made by Barry Male Voice Choir chairman Gareth Roberts to Gouda Liedertafel Choir on behalf of the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Eric Hacker and the Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword.

Chairman Gareth Roberts added: "The choir's visit to Gouda is already a memorable experience. It has been an honour and a pleasure to share in the 90th anniversary celebrations of the Gouda Liedertafel Male Choir.

"We are indebted to the Gouda choir and officers for the warmth of their welcome, and hope that sometime in the future we can reciprocate by welcoming them to Barry.

"Long may this particular Wales and Holland link continue!

"I must also pay a tribute of thanks to Jenny Edwards for her part in organising the visit, coaching the choir in its Dutch pronunciation and for being our compere and interpreter.

"A final tribute must be paid to our talented musical team, accompanist, Emma Arscott and musical director, Dorothy Connell, who again have ensured the highest level of performance from the Barry Male Voice Choir."

The choir now look forward to their earlier than usual annual concert on June 14 in St Helen's Church at 7pm.



# Legal loophole set to block plan to sell off school building

**SELLING off school buildings that are no longer required in Cowbridge, is proving to be a minefield for the Vale Council – after problems emerged with the proposed sale of the redundant sixth form building on Aberthin Road.**

When the Vale Council was financing the building of the new Cowbridge Comprehensive School, it had hoped to use cash raised from selling the old Grammar School and the lower school site to pay for the project.

However, this foundered because a historic trust arrangement meant that the site could only be used

for 'education in the town'. As a result, the proceeds of the sale are now controlled by the Sir Thomas Mansel Franklyn Trust, which has invested the cash and uses the interest on projects that benefit the school and also pupils and former pupils.

The fact that this cash, more than £2.5 million, has stayed in Cowbridge, has caused considerable anger among people in Barry and Llantwit Major who argue, now Cowbridge has its new school, that such money should be available for the schools investment programme.

Now, it appears that a similar problem relating to an educational trust has hit the council's plans to sell off the Sixth Form building.

When the Vale Council's cabinet met yesterday (Wednesday),

**by PHILIP IRWIN**

members were told in a report that the sixth form site had been marketed, but this did not lead to a disposal.

The intention was for any proceeds from the sale to be used to fund the school investment programme.

The report stated: "Subsequent investigations into the deed for the site have revealed that a trust in relation to the sixth form site was imposed by a 1894 conveyance of the land.

"The relevant scheme dates from 1912 and provides that the land is to be used for the purposes of a secondary school.

"Following the discontinuance of use of the site for school purposes, the terms of the

trust have failed in total. Research and consultations with the Charity Commission have confirmed this position."

The report goes on to say that the Vale Council, as the current trustee, will have to apply to the charity commissioners for a new scheme.

A report on this will be prepared and will go to the council's Trust Committee.

The implication of this course of action is, at the moment, unclear, but the report to cabinet says, bluntly: "The council will not have the benefit of sale proceeds of the site, for use in the School Investment Programme."

The cabinet member for children's services, Coun Chris Elmore, said: "I am equally frustrated with this issue. It

is important that Cowbridge school pupils receive the very best in facilities, as it is in every school across the Vale.

"The reality with issues surrounding the trusts linked to the former school buildings is that the council is bound by the law and the regulations, as set out by the Charity Commission.

"As an administration, we are committed to investing in school buildings and providing the very best facilities for all our young people."

# Disagreement over reason for delay in new road to Island

**THE Vale Council and the Barry Waterfront Consortium disagree over the reasons why a second road to the Island is not yet going ahead.**

Earlier this week, there were long traffic delays as people rushed to the Island to make the most of the brief spell of fine weather – that placed the issue of a second route from the town onto the Island in the spotlight once more.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, contacted The

**by TIM CHAPMAN**

GEM to explain that officers had worked hard to accommodate Bank Holiday traffic arriving on the Island and added, on the subject of a new road, that the consortium didn't appear keen.

He observed: "I read with interest the comments about the delays in getting the new road to Barry Island, and they seemed to suggest that it was the council that was holding up the road.

"This is not the case. The road has to be built by the Waterfront developers, but they are not currently prepared to do so, despite the Welsh Government offering them an interest free loan to build it.

"The Vale Council is doing all that it can to get the developers to build the road, too – but it is not that easy to negotiate with them, because they seem to not want to do it."

A Waterfront Consortium spokesman insisted that it was fully behind a new route, and was currently waiting for

the council to respond to "suggestions" it had made.

The spokesman went on: "The Barry Waterfront Consortium has long been aware of the desire within the local community to see completion of the link road between the town and the island, within the first part of The Quays scheme.

"This led us to initiate discussions with the council earlier this year on bringing forward the timing of the road.

"The previous view of the council was that affordable housing needed to take priority over the road, but recent discussions have been constructive and have since been extended to include representatives of the Welsh Government.

"However, it is inaccurate to suggest that the Welsh Government has offered the consortium an interest-free loan to complete the link road.

"We remain committed to delivering the road earlier, and await a response to our suggestions to do so from the council."

# Resident spots 'yellow cloud' hovering over Barry Island

**A GEM reader has said she was alarmed to see a 'thick yellow cloud' hovering over Barry Island last Thursday, May 7.**

Mrs Pat Calunniato said she had been in touch with environmental authorities to register concerns.

She explained: "I was down at Morrisons at about 7pm, and waiting for a taxi, when I saw a massive, thick, yellow cloud.

"I have seen this sort of cloud before, but nearer Barry Waterfront

– this time it was above the Island."

Mrs Calunniato said most people were too busy going about their shopping to notice, but she had pointed the cloud out to one nearby couple who had been amazed by what they saw.

She believes the cloud is sulphur and originates from Aberthaw Power Station.

She added: "People are entitled to fresh air."

Phil Allen, Aberthaw Power Station manager explained that emissions

were tested and were within designated limits.

He said: "There has always been a slight discolouration of the plume caused by nitrogen oxides or NOx. This can be caused by a number of factors such as fuel diet, boiler design and weather conditions.

"Due to the combination of fuel diet and boiler design the NOx levels from Aberthaw Power

station are higher than some other coal fired stations in the UK.

"However the emissions and the local air quality are continuously monitored and are within our operating environmental permit limits.

"We have had no recent incidences or breaches of our emissions."

# Police probe a spate of burglaries

**BARRY police are investigating four break-ins at retail outlets in Holton Road, when items ranging from a till to copper piping, were stolen.**

Between 6pm on Saturday, April 20 and 6.30am on Monday, April 22, the Catwalk Hair Salon was burgled after a side window was smashed. A quantity of hair products and some cash was stolen.

Overnight on Wednesday, April 24, the former Blockbuster store was broken into and copper piping and a water tank were removed.

In another incident, Ruckleys store was burgled between 5.30pm on April 24 and 1.30pm on Friday, April 26, when folding push chairs, suitcases and a bridesmaid dress were stolen.

Between 4pm on Sunday, April 28 and 8.30am the following

morning a burglary was committed at Pets R Us. Access was gained through the roof and a till drawer containing about £100 and four animal charity collection boxes were stolen.

Barry Sector Inspector Chris Owen said: "Incidents of this nature will not be tolerated and we will be focussing our attention on detecting these crimes and bringing those responsible to justice.

"We have increased our patrols in the area and are asking anyone who sees anything suspicious to contact us immediately."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Inspector Chris Owen at Barry police station on 101 or free and anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

# POLICE SEEK BARRY MAN

**BARRY police are appealing for information on the whereabouts of Samuel Camilleri, a 35-year-old local man.**

He is described as white with curly black hair, goatee beard, brown eyes and a dark complexion.

A spokeswoman said that detectives want to speak with him about a distraction burglary at the home of an elderly woman in Lee Road, Barry, during the evening of Thursday, May 2 when her purse was stolen.

Contact Barry CID on 01446 731676 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 quoting occurrence 129938.

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# MAN JAILED

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When Brooke was arrested, he denied what occurred.

In a victim impact statement, the assaulted man said he could not write off the experience, and as a result had had to receive medical treatment.

Brooke said he had no recollection of the incident and had never behaved inappropriately.

Brooke's counsel, Stephen Jeary, said: "He has led a productive life, and impressed many people. He has always done everything he can to better himself."

Mr Jeary said it was obvious the victim had suffered from something

that had occurred 25 years ago.

"Prison would destroy Brooke and others. The effect would be devastating. He has no previous convictions and is at the bottom end of dangerousness to the public. He can be dealt with by means of a community order."

Judge Eleri Rees told Brooke his behaviour had had a traumatic effect and an emotional impact.

She said the victim had not been able to resolve what had occurred.

"It is something that has preyed on his mind."

Since the offence, said the Judge, Brooke had, to all intents and purposes, led an impeccable life.

But, she said, it was a serious offence and an immediate custodial sentence had to be passed.

On his release, Brooke will register as a sex offender for 10 years.

**Festival shop BARRY Arts Festival shop is opening this Friday at 4pm.**

The shop will also act as a box office and information centre for festival events.







# New flights bring a positive air to Cardiff Airport

**I**T was great to hear the news last week from Jon Horne, chief executive of Cardiff Airport that a new service has taken off, providing a direct route from Dusseldorf to Cardiff.

Welcoming Lufthansa to Cardiff, Jon Horne said: "Having such a prestigious national carrier is an important step for Cardiff and Wales."

I visited Cardiff Airport to welcome Jon Horne back, having worked with him for many years in this role.

This was the week the impressive team of non-executive directors was announced and the first meeting of the board chaired by Lord Rowe Beddo took place.

A statement was made by the Economy Minister, Edwina Hart AM in the Senedd, earlier in the week on the progress of the St. Athan - Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone.

She highlighted the opportunities the acquisition of Cardiff Airport can offer saying: "We will work closely with

the management team to ensure the airport delivers its potential as a key international gateway, particularly on inward investment and positioning Wales as a country that is internationally accessible to business."

Effective marketing of new routes now provided by Vueling, Europe's award-winning best low-cost airline, is making an impact.

From June 20, direct flights from Cardiff to Palma Majorca will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and flights to Alicante and Malaga have already started on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Direct flights to Barcelona are also back and these can link to cruises.

This is all very positive. This week, I also met with the Mayor of Changshu, who was visiting Atlantic College and was delighted to hear that he had flown into Cardiff Airport from China, via Amsterdam.

This is all evidence of the turnaround at Cardiff Airport that is taking place.

We wish the management and board well and thank them for their commitment to take the airport forward to be the thriving enterprise we know it can.

It is also good to see

## Assembly Notes



by Vale AM  
**JANE HUTT**  
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

the collaboration developing in our public services in the Cardiff and Vale area – with a new CYD CYMRU project receiving funding from the Welsh Government, which aims to reduce energy bills for people in Wales through collective buying of energy – particularly targeting people who are vulnerable to fuel and financial poverty.

This received a £100,000 grant from the Regional Collaboration Fund in April.

I am also visiting the Cardiff and Vale Health Board Wyn Project, this week, at Llandough Hospital – working with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Cardiff Council to support frail

and elderly people in their homes to help avert admission to hospital.

This is an 'invest to save' scheme funded by the Welsh Government to pump prime new ways of working in health and social care already making an impact with similar schemes across Wales.

The voluntary support in our communities is all the more important.

In a recent statement by the UK Foodbank charity, the Trussell Trust, which operates in the Vale through the Coastlands Church in Barry, the charity stated that it has seen a 55 per cent increase in the number of foodbanks in Wales since April 2012; with a 120 per cent increase in numbers of people given emergency food.

Over 35,000 people in Wales have received at least three days emergency food from Trussell Trust foodbanks over the last year – due to rising cost of living, static incomes, changes to welfare benefits, under-employment and unemployment.

Thanks to all those who support the Vale Foodbank, including Barry Rotary Club and many volunteers and churches across the Vale.

## Olympian's praise for leisure centres

Barry and Penarth leisure centres recently welcomed a special guest – Olympic gold medalist swimmer, Duncan Goodhew, the new chairman and non-executive director of Parkwood Leisure, the company which operates the council's leisure centres in the Vale.

Duncan, who won a rare British swimming gold medal at the 1980 Moscow Olympic games, and played a key role in the London 2012 opening ceremony, met the Vale Council's cabinet member for leisure services, Coun Gwyn John, to discuss the

improvements made to date and the on-going refurbishment schedule for Vale leisure centres.

He praised the new gyms in Barry and Penarth for being a prime example of how private organisations and councils can work together to provide an affordable and high quality leisure experience.

Coun John commented:

"The partnership arrangements that the council have put in place with Parkwood Leisure have enabled much-needed investment in our leisure centres."

## ENERGY ADVICE

AGE Concern Cardiff and the Vale is holding a informal session with a SWALEC adviser at The Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, on Monday, May 13, from 10am to 12 noon.

Anyone over 50 needing advice on energy saving, or help with a new boiler, will be able to ask questions.

For further information, telephone 01446.732385.

## CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

# 'PROLIFIC' MAESTEG BURGLAR IS JAILED

A SERIAL burglar who raided houses in the Bridgend and Maesteg area, has been jailed for two-and-a-half years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Shane Collins (28) was arrested for one burglary in Maesteg and then told the police that he had committed 29 others.

Collins, of Brynllas Terrace, Maesteg, admitted one charge of burglary, taking a vehicle and asked for 29 other offences of burglary to be taken into consideration.

These were committed over a period of three to four months.

Prosecutor John Probert said Collins broke into a house in Picc Street, Maesteg.

At the time, the premises were occupied by an adult and his 12-year-old grandson. After the raid, Collins stole the man's car.

Collins was arrested shortly afterwards and initially said: "No comment," said Mr Probert, but he later said he had committed

the burglary with another person and entered by means of an insecure door.

He was said to have previous convictions for offences, including burglary and attempted burglary.

Andrew Taylor, for Collins, said: "He deserves credit across the board because of his admissions. His first burglary was at

the age of 14."

He described Collins as a reformed drug addict, who was disarmingly frank.

"He wants to draw a line under his addiction. I found him to be a model client who wants to come out of prison as soon as possible."

"When he heard there was a young person in the house, he

was regretful and wanted to make amends."

Judge Eleri Rees described Collins as a prolific offender.

"This was a state of prolific offending. Without your co-operation, the court could not have dealt with 29 other matters."

She said he deserved credit for being candid.

## Trio travelled from Cardiff for burglary

A GANG of three who travelled from Newport and Cardiff and carried out a burglary in North Cornelly, have been jailed for a total of 58 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Lewis Thomas (19) of Cheddar Crescent, Llanrumney, Cardiff, Jonathon Xuereb (26) of Bronte Close, Llanrumney and Ethan Channing (19) of Laurel Road, Newport, admitted burgling a shed in School Terrace Close, North Cornelly, and stealing property including a diamond ring worth £3,750.

Prosecutor Tracy Lloyd-Nesling said police spotted a van and a BMW car travelling at speed in the Cardiff area. Officers became suspicious and stopped the vehicle at Culverhouse Cross. Inside one of the vehicles, were the proceeds of what was obvi-

ously a burglary. The following day, after the men had been arrested, the police were told of the burglary at School Terrace Close.

Andrew Taylor, for Thomas, said: "All the property was recovered and Derek Gooding for Xuereb said: "He realises the serious implication of what he has done."

Claire Pickthall, for Channing, said: "He has learned his lesson."

Judge Daniel Williams said: "Immediate custody has to be passed. You stole items of significant value, which was planned and organised between you."

Thomas received 20 months in a young offender institution, Channing 18 months in a young offender institution, and Xuereb, 20 months' imprisonment.



## Inter-schools chess tournament 'great fun'

THREE schools recently came together for a Barry and Vale inter-schools chess tournament.

Children from Barry Island and St David's Church In Wales School, Colwinston, travelled to Romilly Primary School to pitch their wits against fellow chess players in Barry.

Having run the chess club as a lunchtime activity at Romilly, Mrs Deb Davies said: "It was a great experience for the children to go out of their comfort zone and play against other schools. Everyone played with perfect manners and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

The tournament ended fairly, with a mix of wins and losses for all three schools.

Tegan Goodwin, 9, said: "It was great fun because you got to meet other people from other schools. I hope we can do this again soon!"

## Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Branch Manager Phil Powell feels that it's all about service. "Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although

that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a momentary perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthorwll areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The crash is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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VICTORIA PARK Dog Show took place on Sunday, May 5 and as can be seen from Lauren Yeoman's images, the much-loved four-legged friends came in all shapes and sizes.

Among the awards, were 'waggiest tail', 'most handsome dog' and 'best dog and owner in fancy dress'.



**Cancer Slam**  
A FREE Cancer Slam aerobics workout takes place at Bridgend Recreation Centre on Monday, May 13, from 8pm to 9pm.

A spokesperson explained: "In support of this year's Race for Life, we are teaming up to deliver a pre-course activity FREE for all

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registered Race for Life participants.

"The idea is to take part in a special Cancer Slam aerobics session.

"These sessions will enable you to maintain or improve your fitness prior to event day, as well as encouraging you to socialise with other participants – to help improve the experience of the event."

For further informa-

tion call 0300 012 1223 (option 1).

## Free 'dog MOTs'

DOG owners are invited to bring their pets along for a free wellbeing check at PDSA's PetCheck on May 14 at Victoria Park, Victoria Park Road, Barry; May 15 at Cosmeston Lakes

and Country Park, Lavernock Road, Penarth; May 16 at Porthkerry Country Park, Barry; and May 17 at Buttrills Community Hall, North Walk, Barry.

To find out more about PDSA, the PetCheck tour, or ways to support the charity, visit [www.pdsa.org.uk](http://www.pdsa.org.uk).



## ADVERTISING FEATURE

## Holmes Interiors' opening is yet another boost for Barry's High Street area

**HIGH STREET in Barry has shown remarkable resilience in the face of austerity and one of the reasons is its ability to reinvent itself.**

One business owner who is determined to look to a bright future with optimism, is Nicola Thomas – the owner of 'Miss Holmes'.

Later this week, Nicola opens 'Holmes Interiors', a second High Street business, which was inspired by the first.

The story demonstrates that at a time when many local shopping areas in Britain are struggling, some entrepreneurs refuse to be downhearted.

Nicola explained: "I've run Miss Holmes

for four years, providing gifts for all occasions – birth of a baby, anniversaries and weddings.

"I've also supplied items of home furniture – but found it difficult to run it as one business."

Instead of trying to reconcile the two, Nicola saw it as an opportunity.

"I decided to open a brand new business 'Holmes Interiors' and set about renovating the premises."

It is situated next to 'doctor bobs BALLOONS UNLIMITED'.

The fact that a local business woman is confident enough to invest a second time in High Street says a great deal for its future health.

"The premises I've taken over has been an eyesore and empty for a number of years.

"I knew about its potential because I used the coach house at the back for storage.

"The front of the premises looked awful – rotting with iron gates. Fortunately, my partner Leon is a builder experienced in carrying out renovation work."

Businesses nearby are thrilled that Nicola is moving into premises empty for so long.

Holmes Interiors plans to stock mirrors, clocks and small items of furniture which people can personalize their homes with. She's offering a consultation service too.

"The recession means that a lot of people are staying in their current home rather than moving – but they want to enhance their living spaces."

She is going to be supplying a paint, with a huge choice of colours, that will go on to any surface without preparation, allowing people to transform their furniture or rooms.

Nicola, who has an ability to source unusual and unique items for houses, is undaunted by the talk of downturns.

"Opening in a recession means things will only get better and we offer a payment plan too."

Holmes Interiors is having special opening days this Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, to give the public the first glimpse of what will be on offer – there will be glasses of bubbly too!



## 'A NEW ROAD TO BARRY ISLAND MUST BE TOP PRIORITY'

**T**HE fantastic May Day weather brought thousands of visitors to Barry Island – but then many struggled to actually get there and to leave in good time.

Once again, the influx of visitors and tourists to one of our most popular resorts in the Vale caused traffic mayhem.

There was much activity on Twitter, where many shared their tales of slow-moving traffic all the way from Culverhouse Cross, as they waited patiently for vehicles to gain access to the Island itself.

I received calls from the owner of one of the attractions, who had lost money on a group booking, because they couldn't turn up in time, travelling from Cardiff.

Others have reported to me that although all three car parks were open and full, vehicles were taking over three hours to leave the car parks because of the poor access road to and from the Island.

GEM readers will be aware that I've raised the issue of a new access road to the Island repeatedly over recent months. Access to Barry Island is key.

Visitors and residents alike need to be able to get on and off the Island efficiently. This part of Barry has a fantastic opportunity to be a year round magnet to attract tourists and helping to generate more employment.

The first phase of a new road will be built by 2015,



**Vale MP Alun Cairns**  
reports to GEM readers

although this is primarily to access the new supermarket on The Quays. The second phase, completing the road to Barry Island, however, may take another five years.

This is not good enough. Having met and spoken to the developer, they explained that they offered the Vale Council the option of either building the road all the way to the Island or to build social housing.

There is obviously a need for more social housing in Barry, but I have been overwhelmed with responses from local residents stating that the new road should come first and the housing follow second.

Not one constituent who has been in touch, has prioritised social housing to be built first, rather than the new road.

Readers may recall that one of the criticisms of the Local Development Plan was that extra housing was being imposed on us, without the infrastructure. This is a key

opportunity to enhance the infrastructure immediately.

At the same time, tourists could get on and off the Island easily. Their spend would increase, shops, cafes and other businesses would expand leading to more employment.

It is not rocket science. If you can't get to a place efficiently, you won't go there. The life of residents would also be transformed.

There have been several other examples of traffic chaos, the worst being New Year's day – a lovely sunny day, when thousands turned out to watch the New Year swimmers.

The 'feelgood' factor that would encourage visitors to return was all lost, on the basis of frustration at not being able to get on or off the Island. This is not good enough.

As many of you know, I want to see Barry secure continued regeneration money for the successful development of the town.

This must be a priority for the Vale Council and Welsh Government and I am concerned that momentum has been lost. I am committed to do everything possible to ensure that Barry gets its fair share of investment.

Over recent years, money has been ploughed into valley communities but it is about time that Barry got its fair share.

*A new road to Barry Island would be a good start - the regular gridlocks to and from the town of Barry just cannot continue.*

## Latest Vale drilling plans do not involve 'fracking'

**FOLLOWING three more applications to drill for gas in the Vale (see last week's GEM), executives at the drilling company have told the local MP that they do not involve 'fracking'.**

Vale MP Alun Cairns met Coastal Oil & Gas senior executives to hear more detail about their planning applications at several sites across the Vale.

He said that the company was keen to point out that all the applications were for bore holes for the exploration of natural gas only – not shale gas.

Should natural gas be found at any of the sites, it will be necessary for Coastal Oil & Gas to submit new planning applications for its extraction.

Mr Cairns is concerned at how weak the planning policy regarding gas exploration is in Wales and has called on the Welsh Government to provide stronger planning guidance, to help local authorities understand and deal with such applications.

### MEETING

He said: "I was pleased that Gerwyn Williams, from Coastal Oil & Gas agreed to meet me and that he is prepared to meet community councils and individuals to personally explain his hopes.

"I asked Mr Williams for complete communication and

involvement with all the communities affected.

"I am worried that in spite of local opposition last time, the Welsh Government overruled the local authority. That decision has set a precedent. Therefore, there is a need for complete co-operation.

"Planning is a devolved issue and planning departments at a local level may not have the necessary technical knowledge and expertise to fully understand the ramifications of planning applications made in this specialist mineral and gas exploration and extraction area."

## SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR A DRUG DEALER

A DRUGS dealer has been jailed for 16 weeks, the sentence suspended for a year, at Cardiff

Crown Court, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Lee Stephens (21) unemployed, of Blaengarw Road,

Blaengarw, admitted possessing drugs with intent to supply, possessing drugs and possessing a bladed article.

Prosecutor David Pinnell said that on

March 10, Stephens was stopped and searched by doormen when he went to enter a club in Bridgend.

He was found to have seven bags of cannabis and a knife secreted in the waistband of his trousers.

The police were called, and he said he had the knife for his personal protection.

When searched at the police station, he had one Diazepam tablet, and said he had forgotten about the cannabis which was found earlier.

The knife, he said, was necessary because he sometimes went to a dangerous part of Bridgend.

Stephens was said to have convictions for possessing cannabis and burglary.

James Evans, representing him, said: "He is aware he behaved stupidly."

Stephens was also ordered to pay £340 costs and to carry out 200 hours unpaid work.

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## Barry Cadet's patrol success



Cadet Cpl Hawker showing off the medal he won in the Cadet Cambrian Patrol last weekend.

**CADET** Cambrian Patrol is a national competition held over two days at the Army training area near Sennybridge, in which Army Cadets are put through various tasks including shooting, fieldcraft, map reading and timed marching.

Cpl Hawker from Barry was part of the four team squad that also had the overall highest score and best patrol leader.

Barry Army Cadet Force parade every Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm to 9pm.

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"I had to choreograph two separate routines, one street and one theatrical piece, both were six minutes long", she explained.

The dancers came from all parts of south Wales, but particularly from the Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend county and Cardiff.

Call 0845 498 9687 for further information.

## Life-changing climb...

Cowbridge business-woman Heather Brock reports on her recent attempt to scale Kilimanjaro - to raise funds for the Velindre Cancer Centre.

**HAVING** been back a few weeks, the shellshock that the expedition to climb Mt Kilimanjaro induced has receded, and I can look back with absolute delight that I actually made it to the top.

Without doubt the toughest thing I have ever done, both physically and mentally, it has certainly changed my outlook on life.

It is very hard to pinpoint exactly what was



ABOVE: Heather, pictured with her climbing friends.

so tough but the combination of altitude and cold played tricks on both mind and body and my respect for the guides and porters, many of whom were totally inappropriately dressed for the weather, knows no bounds.

Similarly my gratitude to those who donated to our cause, the Velindre Cancer Centre. The generosity of everyone who contributed is hugely appreciated and to date we have raised nearly £9,000 and this is not including the Waitrose

contribution from their Community Matters green tokens.

If anyone else would like to donate, our Just Giving page is open for another couple of weeks [www.justgiving.com/Anne-Jaques](http://www.justgiving.com/Anne-Jaques).

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Behind the camera, Sophie Green.

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# New Vale Show president elected

THE committee of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society were delighted at their recent AGM when Mr Roger Thomas agreed to be their new president.

The committee thanked outgoing president, Mrs Fiona Martyn, for her support and enthusiasm. Fiona said that she had thoroughly enjoyed her year in office and wished the society every success.

Although not brought up on a farm, Roger's grandfather and uncle both farmed and his brother currently farms in Pembrokeshire. Roger when to school in Shropshire and joined chartered surveyors Cooke & Arkwright to assist Walter Davies in 1972.

He became a partner of the firm in 1983 and then its chairman in 2001, a post he holds today. Cooke & Arkwright have been



Handing over the reins...  
ABOVE:  
Mrs Fiona Martyn and Roger Thomas.

excellent supporters of the Vale Show. The company have generously sponsored the food hall marquee ever since its inception in 2000.

The food hall originated from the farmers' market idea of selling good quality local produce. On the show field, food hall producers are able to promote their businesses, give away tasters of their produce and sell some of their wares.

Without the financial assistance of Roger and his team at Cooke &

Arkwright the show may not have been able to fund the large marquee required for this event. Their support is very much appreciated.

Roger is the chairman of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (south east Wales branch) and a regional agent for Holts Gun auctioneers of Sandringham. His passion is all forms of field sports.

Roger said he was delighted to be asked to be president of the Vale of Glamorgan Show, and is hoping for excellent weather and good crowds on show day.

The society is delighted to announce that Birkett LGA will be sponsoring the shopping mall marquee at the event this year.

This gesture of goodwill is gratefully received by the society, and helps to ensure the success of the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

The Vale Show will be held at Fommon Castle Grounds on Wednesday, August 21.

The society is delighted to have the Kangaroo Kids Quad Bike Display in the main ring at 4pm. The Kangaroo Kids (father and son) originate from Australia, hence the name.

They now only come to Britain for the occasional summer season and the Vale Show is delighted they have chosen the event to be one of their venues this year.

The return of a display by the South Wales Police Dogs is also anticipated, always a popular occasion.

Trade stand applications are now pouring in, and it is anticipated that there will be over 250 outside stands on the field, along with the craft fair, Birkett LGA Shopping Mall and Cooke & Arkwright Food Hall. There is so much happening on the field this year, including the Dog Show, Horticultural Show and horse and livestock classes, it really does promise to be an excellent event, again entirely run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers.

Should you wish to bring a trade stand, support the event or find out any more information, the web address is [www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk](http://www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk) or telephone 01446 710099.

NICOLA GIBSON,  
Show Secretary

## From the team that brought you ...

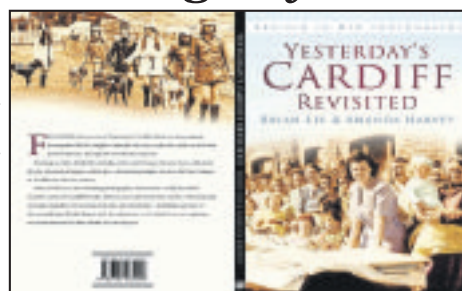
GEM columnist Brian Lee and his daughter, Amanda Harvey, have just published their third book together - Yesterday's Cardiff Revisited (Published by The History Press at £12.99).

Brian, who has published more than 20 books, has been reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for almost half-a-century and is also a local historian.

His daughter, a freelance writer, used to be assistant editor of the recently defunct Morris Minor Magazine.

Their two other efforts, Cardiff Then and Now in Colour and A Postcard from Cardiff, also published by The History Press, made the WH Smith and Waterstones bestseller lists.

Yesterday's Cardiff Revisited, which contains more than 200 photographs of people, places, pubs, cinemas and sporting events, could be heading the same way.



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# BANK HOLIDAY DRAMA AT LLANCARFAN FORD AS LUCKY LUCA IS RESCUED

Report and photographs by Ian Fell

IT WAS a touch and go for Luca, a 26-year-old favourite horse from Llege Manor Equestrian Centre, on Bank Holiday Monday, when he collapsed with his rider in Lllancarfan's slippery ford.

For over two hours, Sarah Bassett, who bred him – and her colleagues from Llege Manor, struggled alongside a team of fire-fighters to save him at the water-side.

Sarah's distressing rescue bid began just after midday, in full view of holiday visitors to the famous Fox and Hounds public house.

"The girls decided to go for a nice hack," said Sarah.

"Luca's an old boy, so we thought he'd like a nice, leisurely walk down to the village. I'd never go through the ford, but they were obviously unaware of the dangers."

The leisurely walk turned into a rescue mission when Luca's back legs splayed as his rider Louise Iles, and her companion, began to ride across the shallow ford. Happily, Louise was able to slide off unhurt when the horse fell.

However, villagers and the Llege Manor team who hurried to the scene were shocked to see the horse lying in the river, and bleeding from his mouth and right fore-leg.

Among the helpers were neighbours Phil and Joann Quelch, and



Louise Iles, Karen Ebihara, and Sarah Bassett comfort Luca.

farmer's daughter Rachel Evans was able to summon help in bringing soil, hay and wood-chippings to cushion the horse and help him up again.

"He tried to get up several times," said Sarah. "But it was so slippery that he couldn't. There was a lot of blood everywhere, and people didn't know if he'd hit his head as he fell down."

Even with the welcome arrival of retired veterinary surgeon Ron Williams, they were unable to lift Luca, despite attempts to pull him into a better position for standing.

"Then a gentleman called Keith Richards, who was just out for the day, told us there was a special animal rescue team, which we'd never have known about."

"He was terrific, made phone calls, and within a short period of time there were I don't know how many fire engines, firemen and everything."

"Then they got straps on Luca, which managed to move him off the slippery part, but he still



Luca makes a startling recovery!

couldn't get up. It was awful to watch."

Finally, the fire team called for a specialist lifting hoist from their Animal Rescue Service based at Malpas.

Vet Ron Williams advised that they didn't sedate Luca, feeling he needed all his strength to get up.

Then something happened which surprised everyone!

Sarah said: "While we were debating what to do, and they began to put the screens around him – which is the most awful thing to see – Luca just managed to get up by himself!"

By 2.30pm, the plucky old horse was

proving fit enough, with the aid of pain-killers, to take a few steps. And as the back-log of Bank Holiday cars and fire-engines began to clear, Sarah and her colleagues concluded that the best thing was to walk him slowly up the road to Llege Manor.

Once home, says Sarah, he was fine. "It was like he was in the paddock for the Grand National."

Sarah wishes to thank everyone who was involved in creating the happy ending. And she underlines too, the hard-learned lesson of the dangers of crossing a slippery ford on horse-back.



Sarah Bassett thanks vet Ron Williams.

## Fundraiser for Evie (3)

April Complete Care Solutions, a care provider based in Pencoed, Bridgend, is holding a fundraising event in Llantwit Major to raise funds for three-year-old Evie Broad from Sully, who suffers from Cerebral Palsy, which affects her lower limbs, hips, knees, feet and ankles. Evie's parents need to raise £60,000 to send Evie to America, where she will undergo an operation – £40,000 is needed to pay for the initial

operation and a further £20,000 will cover the costs of a potential further operations, vital after-care and private physiotherapy.

'April' staff are holding a car boot sale this Sunday (May 12) at Llantwit Rugby Club and all the proceeds raised will be donated to this worthy cause.

It will run from 9am to 4pm.

## Inspirational Homes & Gardens

### Glamorgan warmth scheme celebrates £8m milestone

**F**OLLOWING on from the cold start to spring, a warmth scheme which supports vulnerable people in Glamorgan, is celebrating after hitting a major milestone.

In the 13 years since its launch, npower's Health Through Warmth scheme has contributed over £8m towards the cost of heating measures for vulnerable home-owners whose health is affected by cold living conditions.

The npower Health Through Warmth Crisis Fund is used alongside charity and client contributions, to help local residents who have a low income, little or no savings, and are unable to fund the heating work needed.

Elaine Midwinter, npower Health Through Warmth scheme manager, comments: "It's great that we have been able to make such a commitment to improving the levels of warmth and comfort for thousands of people across Wales and England."

"In a month when temperatures were at an all-time low for the time of year, the existence of schemes such as Health Through Warmth has never been more important."

"When residents use their heating systems for extended periods of time, old boilers may be more prone to falter or break down completely."

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ken heating systems for vulnerable people who meet our scheme criteria. With the UK's unpredictable weather, we're anticipating that referrals will continue over the coming months."

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## 'No dogs allowed' signs needed in playground

**F**OLLOWING concerns from residents in the Bassett Park area of Barry, over dogs roaming free in the playground area, Coun Bronwen Brooks contacted the parks department at the Vale Council.

She requested that 'No dogs allowed' signs be erected in the playground area.

Coun Brooks reported: "I am delighted that the Labour-led Vale Council has listened to the concerns from residents about dogs in the playground of Bassett Park."

"I am very pleased

to announce that the signs have now been erected to signify that dogs are not allowed there."

She added: "I have also asked if the PCSOs for Court ward

could monitor the playground area, to ensure young children can use it without concerns over unleashed dogs and dog mess – and the health issues associated with it."

## FAMILIES FIRST

**F**OR the second time this year, parents of Palmerston Primary School have been supported by the 'Putting Families First' programme and Genesis 2 project and have obtained their FAST. First Aid certificates, which were presented by FAST trainer, Russell Fowler.

Every Tuesday during term time, Palmerston Primary's parents and carers are invited to attend an informal parent group, through which they can access information and support through parenting programmes; play development; adult education; dealing with stress and anxiety; supporting children to learn to read; first aid, basic skills and many more.

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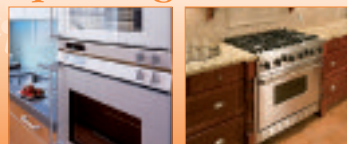
## Nutrition training

**FOOD outlets in the Vale of Glamorgan are being offered free nutrition training by the Vale Council.**

The environmental health team is offering businesses such as takeaways and restaurants a place on the CIEH Level 2 Award in Healthier Food and Special Diets course in Barry.

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## Inching towards fundraising target



ABOVE:

Little Evie (second on right) enjoyed the fun and games.

# HAT FUN RAISES £5,400 FOR EVIE

THE Save Britain Money group held an exciting fundraising day on Friday, May 3, to raise money for the 'Hope for Evie' charity.

The company, which specialises in providing

money-saving advice and services to consumers across the UK, organised a funny hat themed day at its Swansea and Cardiff offices that included games and live auctions to help the family reach their £60,000 target.

The final total raised was £5,400.

Four-year-old Evie Broad from Sully has been diagnosed with a form of cerebral palsy, spastic diplegia, which affects her lower limbs, hips, knees, feet and ankles.

Her diagnosis means that she has difficulty walking and suffers a great deal of discomfort.

Evie and her family and supporters are hoping to raise the £60,000 for Evie to travel to America to have a life-changing Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) operation.

This could enable Evie to have greater mobility and a better future without pain.

## PACT meetings

BARUC PACT, Barry Island Community Centre, Friars Road Barry Island on May 15 at 7pm.

ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry on May 16 at 7pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, local Leisure Centre on May 15 at 7pm.

LLANDOWE/NEWENNY PACT, Ewenny Village Hall, on May 15, at 7pm.

## Maes-yr-Haul triumph in schools quiz competition

SIX local primary schools competed to win the Junior Quiz, organised by Bridgend Rotary Club at Maes-yr-Haul Primary School on May 2.

Ffaldau, Coychurch, Litchard, Maes yr Haul, Oldcastle and Trelales Primary schools were each represented by four students, who were tested on their general knowledge.

Parents, family, teachers and friends turned out to support their teams and they were not disappointed by the standard of responses to the questions.

After a very close competition, the Maes yr Haul team emerged victorious!

The team members were Max Hemsley, Olivia Gibbs, William Hurley and James Dowie.

Bridgend Rotary would like to thank all of the schools, including pupils and teachers, who prepared for the competition.

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## CHARITY BIKE RIDERS

BARNARDO'S Cymru has announced that Casualty star Patrick Robinson will join other keen cyclists at this year's south Wales Bike Ride.

He recently returned to the BBC drama - filmed in Cardiff Bay - after 17 years as Dr Martin 'Ash' Ashford.

The 38-mile cycle ride through the Vale countryside raises funds for Barnardo's Cymru.

This year will be the 32nd year of the event which will take place on Sunday, May 19, at 8am, starting and finishing at the Copthorne Hotel in Culverhouse Cross.

All entrants must be over 12 years of age. Entrants 12-16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will take sole responsibility for them for the duration of the bike ride.

Participants can register online at <http://regonline.activeeuropa.com/onyourbike> or telephone 029 2043 6236.

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## Fibromyalgia Group

THE next monthly meeting of Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group is on Tuesday, May 14 (11am-1pm). Call Gaynor for details on 01446 733315.

## Support for Tenovus

BARRY Friends of Tenovus is celebrating the 70th year of the Tenovus Cancer Charity with a two-course carvery-style lunch at St Andrews Golf Club near Barry. This takes place on

Wednesday, May 15, at 12.30pm for 1pm.

Tickets are available at £15.50 from Mrs Mary Thomas, telephone 01446 733978.

Please support this worthwhile Cardiff-based charity, which over the years has achieved so much in the fight against cancer. BH

## Senior citizens

THE Cowbridge Senior Citizens meet on May 16 for a social afternoon and to plan future trips at 2pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge. Contact Mavis Ashford on 01446 775508 for details.

## Age Concern coffee

AGE Concern, Cardiff and Vale is holding a coffee morning at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, on Friday, May 17, 10am-12 noon.

Vale AM Alun Cairns will open the event. There will be a wide range of stalls, including cakes, tombola, craft, and refreshments on sale.

All proceeds will go to the Senior Health Shop, Barry and Friends and Neighbours. Contact 01446 732385 for further details.

## Sully Scope fun day

A FAMILY fun day is taking place on Saturday, May 18, from 12 noon to 4pm at Scope Sully Adult Service, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5SE.

Kids games, art workshops, jewellery making, raffle, face painting, barbecue,

refreshments and craft stalls. Includes a steel band display from the children of Albert Road Primary School, Penarth.

Entrance fee is adults 50p and children free.

## Tabernacl Chapel's next concert

TABERNACL Music Society's next concert takes place on Sunday, May 19, at 7.30pm with a performance of Mozart's well-loved choral masterpiece, *Requiem*.

The programme also includes Haydn's 'Te Deum' and the first movement from Symphony No 9 by Schubert.

The choir will be conducted by its musical director, Kevin Adams, and accompanied by the TMS Orchestra.

The four young soloists have distinguished themselves in their careers so far both in opera and oratorio, and are currently studying with Dennis O'Neill at the prestigious International Academy of Voice in Cardiff.

Venue: Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend. Tickets, £10, students £5, available from the secretary (07974 765578) or at the door. The concert is sponsored by Ty Cerdd.

TMS welcomes new members - we are a mixed choir with a wide repertoire ranging from classical to light music and practice on Tuesday evenings (7pm-8.45pm) at Tabernacl Chapel. If interested, contact the secretary.

## Diabetes talk

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group will meet on Tuesday, May 21, in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, at 7.30pm-9pm, when Professor Colin Dayan, Cardiff University, will talk on 'New Treatments.'

## Age Concern coffee

THE annual Age Concern coffee morning is being held on Monday, June 3, at Llantorian Hall, Llantwit Major, between 10am and 12 midday, to support the group's Christmas party.

Tickets are £1.50 and include tea, coffee, biscuits, available from the Age Concern office, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (01446 795549) or pay at the door.

## Labour surgery

LABOUR Vale of Glamorgan and Barry town councillors for Castletand ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les

Sword and Karl Kuhnell will be holding an advice surgery on

Saturday, May 11, in the Drop-in Centre, Castletand Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry, from 10.30am until 12pm.

No appointment is necessary. If you need advice but can't attend, please call Coun Chris Elmore on 01446 450007, or 07867 506116.

## Dyfan advice

DYFAN Labour councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will be holding their monthly

drop-in advice surgery for residents of Dyfan Ward on Saturday, May 11, at the Buttrills Community Centre on North Walk, from 11am to 12pm. No appointment is necessary.

## Court advice

BARRY Court ward Independents will be holding a street surgery on Saturday, May 11, in the Westbury Close/Cae Glas areas of the town.

Couns Richard and Robert Bertin will be in the area between 10am and 11am.

For more information contact Coun Richard Bertin on 01446 736227.

## Plaid surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery by Couns Ian Johnson, Steffan William, Nic and Shirley Hodges, joined by Barry Plaid Cymru team at the Community Room, County Library, King Square, Barry from 11am until 12 midday on Saturday, May 11. No appointments are necessary.

## Church coffee

ALL Saints Church, Park Road, Barry, are holding a coffee morning with various stalls on

Saturday, May 11, 10.30am - 12pm; 50p entrance includes first drink. Everyone welcome.

## Exhibition

A PORTRAIT exhibition featuring some of Wales's most famous faces continues at the Art Central gallery in Barry until May 11.

The Lines project by Barry artist Glyn Pooley includes graphite portraits of eminent figures such as First Minister Carwyn Jones, former First Minister Rhodri Morgan, former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams, and Vale AM Jane Hutt, as well as members of the Vale community.

## Plant sale

THE annual plant sale at Llanmaes Village Hall will take place on Sunday, May 12, from 11am - 3pm.

A variety of bedding plants, vegetable plants, annuals and perennials will be on sale, with a seed exchange, stalls, cream teas and a raffle.

Plant donations gratefully received - please bring along prior to 11am on the morning

or contact a committee member.

**Art society**  
ON Thursday May 16, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes artist Pauline Williams, who will give a pen and ink demonstration.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7 - 9pm). Visitors welcome.

For the society's full programme, see [www.cowbridgeartsociety.com](http://www.cowbridgeartsociety.com).

## Volunteers wanted

THE Vale Volunteer Bureau is looking for more volunteers.

For details, contact 01446 421782, or visit [www.vyb.org.uk](http://www.vyb.org.uk) where you will find a link to the hundreds of opportunities available.

To speak to someone, call at Vale Volunteer Bureau, 34, Holton Road, Barry, Monday to Friday (10am-4pm); outreach sessions in Penarth Library every Friday (11am-1pm); twice monthly at Cowbridge and Llantwit Major Library.

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# Farrell and Co elevate thriller into something far more impressive

**S**INCE rehabilitating his career with the darkly comic *In Bruges*, Colin Farrell has had his ups and downs on screen; for every *Crazy Heart* or *Horrible Bosses* there has been a *Total Recall* or *London Boulevard*.

Farrell's latest film, *Dead Man Down*, sees him play Victor, a hit-man working for crime-lord Alphonse (Terrence Howard); when he is coerced by his neighbour Beatrice (Noomi Rapace) into killing the man who left her disfigured after a car crash, it sets off chain events that show that Victor's relationship with Alphonse may not be as it appears...

The curse of the trailer strikes again; if you've seen the trailer for *Dead Man Down* you would have it pegged as a Statham-esque high-octane action movie; but in fact, it is something that, at least until its climax, is a measured tale of revenge and the cost it has on those carrying that burden.

It is a far more thoughtful work than you would expect, slightly clichéd admittedly, but carried by the performers who give the material more substance than it probably carried on the page.

It marks the English-language debut of *Girl With The Dragon Tattoo* director, Niels Arden Oplev, who on the basis of that film knows a little about the world of revenge; here he brings a sure and steady hand



by **GARETH JAMIESON**  
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to proceedings, the film carrying the bleak visuals that pervaded his smash-hit with added American grit.

The material certainly plays to his strengths, even if it lacks a sheen of class, with the characters playing too broadly, but Oplev's ability to maintain the 'through-line' of the story means that it keeps you hooked, even if it does come off as slightly predictable.

What truly jars is a climax that replaces story for style, as Victor goes on the rampage. Despite saying earlier in

the film that he was an engineer by trade, his late-in-the-day transformation into Rambo feels both over the top and slightly annoying, as if the filmmakers decided that the only way people would buy into the film was with a load of gunfire and explosions at the end. Despite the histrionics, it means the film's climax is more of a damp squib.

All the actors here bring far more to the table than the material deserves, with Colin Farrell giving pleasing depth to Victor.

He shares a pleasing chemistry with Noomi Rapace (whose reunion with her ... *Dragon Tattoo* director results in her finest English-language performance to date by some distance), while the seeming forgotten man of cinema, Terrence Howard, gives a faint glimpse of what he is capable of.

With the likes of Dominic Cooper, Isabelle Huppert and F Murray Abraham all popping up in supporting roles, the film is populated with solid performances, incredible

given that the material they are working with is a little downmarket – proof that skilled actors and a good director can make the best of a not-so-good situation.

While unlikely to set the world alight, *Dead Man Down* is dependable and solid thriller that plays far more impressively than it should do.

It gains no points for originality or subtlety, but makes for a pleasing Friday night's viewing.

**VERDICT:** Solidly satisfying but nothing more, *Dead Man Down* is a revenge thriller that manages to parlay its basic screenplay into something a little more substantial, thanks to a strong cast and good direction.

A lurch into brainless action in the climax sullies its copybook somewhat, but it still plays well despite its shortcomings. *Enjoyable.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Contraband* (2012), *Death Wish* (1974).



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On Wednesday, May 15 at 10.30am, 'Cliffs and Fields', starts at Southerndown top car park.

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# 'The GEM is our favourite newspaper'



Headteacher Richard Ware with year-2 pupils.



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ABOVE: Year-6 teacher, Mr James Ball, with School Council and Eco Committee members.

LEFT: Year 4 pupils in the IT suite.



ABOVE: Nursery pupils.

RIGHT: Mrs Liz Martin, School Promotion Co-ordinator, with year-3



## 'Happy 30th birthday to The GEM!'

**THE staff and pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School are delighted to send their congratulations and good wishes to The GEM on the occasion of their 30th anniversary.**

Their celebration coincides with Local Newspaper Week, a national event which is celebrated during May.

The pupils agree that The Gem is their favourite paper for many reasons: Year-4 pupils, Annie, Francesca and Stephanie, all agree that it is a great way to share the special events at the school and James, Year-5, said: "It is a paper for Barry and you can read all about Barry schools."

Year-6 teacher, Mr Ball and his pupils agree that The GEM offers great sports coverage and supports

local schools.

School Promotion Co-ordinator, Mrs Liz Martin, said: "The GEM's coverage of our school's achievements and fun learning activities are eagerly read by parents, pupils, staff and friends of the school."

"They provide detailed archives spanning over 20 years of life at All Saints and everyone enjoys reading them. Local supplies run out quickly when our school appears in The GEM."

Headteacher, Richard Ware, warmly thanked The GEM for its support over the years. He said: "We really appreciate how The GEM has helped to raise the profile of our school by sharing our news and activities with the local community. We wish The GEM every success for the future."

All Saints School

## Chess season ends with a whimper

**ALTHOUGH the start of the season seems like it was only yesterday, Barry Chess Club has now reached the climax.**

After eight months there remained only two matches to play. By a coincidence they both featured the champions against the runners-up in divisions two and three.

Firstly, in division two the Camelots took on St John's College. This was a tight encounter and ended with the Camelots winning on three boards and losing on two.

The St John's College promotion was not expected and at one time they appeared to be looking to avoid relegation rather than earn promotion.

During the second half of the season they have been the form team, winning six, drawing two and only losing one of their final nine games, so well done to Rhys Steele, Ken Hannah and Guenter

Ezmuss who ensured the Camelots ended with a win.

The Camelots were champions ending with fifty nine and a half points against St John's College with 51 points and Caerphilly Castles, who came from nowhere to take the final promotion spot with 47 points.

The final match for the Barry Chess Club took place on the following evening when the Quarks travelled to play North Cardiff in division three.

North Cardiff have the strongest team by a long margin in this division and thoroughly deserved their title.

Their bottom board regularly outgrades most of their opponents and in our case only our board one outgraded their board five.

We knew we would be up against it but did not want to suffer a whitewash as the Gambits did when they played against

North Cardiff a few weeks ago. Each of our players put on a good show but we lost tight games on boards two, three four and five.

It was left to our debating champion, Rhys Steele, to prevent the whitewash and earn our solitary point.

The final league table shows North Cardiff totalling 60 points to our 50.5 and the Cardiff Crowns with 47.5 as the three promoted teams who will be in division two come September.

For more details visit our website <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY with matches starting at 7:30pm.

New players of all ages and standards are welcomed.

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ABOVE: The school's Archive Press Books







# 30! IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEEK... The GEM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PROPRIETOR... To our readers and advertisers



ABOVE:  
Sir Ray Tindle.

**WE** would like to take the opportunity of Local Newspaper Week to express our thanks to you, our readers and advertisers, for all you have done to support our town and its traders and charities.

This recession has not made life any easier for any of us in the past 12 months and the cold weather certainly didn't

help during the early weeks of the so-called 'spring'!

Our local traders have had to ride through this poor period, of course, as has your local newspaper. As yet, there are few signs of a sustained breakthrough from this worst recession in living memory, but summer is coming and so, eventually, will the end of the downturn.

Like many of our readers and advertisers, your local newspaper, The Glamorgan GEM, has been through difficult times before. We

have survived them and we'll survive this problem, as well as the special difficulties the press is facing just now.

The press will overcome this new problem, of course, as we've overcome many before it. Like many of our readers and advertisers, our proprietor was a child during the 'slump' of the '20s and early '30s, though he remembers it well.

He and many of you survived that, and he survived and so did many others, the bombing of London in 1940, and survived in the war-time Army and four recessions since. We only mention this to keep current problems in perspective!

The new difficulty for the local press is that, as the result of a small minority of national papers breaking the law in relation to hacking – and those papers accepted that they were wrong – all papers, including small local weekly ones like ours, are to be 'punished' for the sins of one per cent of the industry.

Local weeklies like ours are stunned to find

themselves included in this, but many believe this can still be put right.

After all, as Adrian Jeakings, president of the Newspaper Society said: "Lord Justice Leveson found that the UK's local media had nothing to do with the phone hacking scandal which prompted the enquiry."

"Indeed, he praised regional and local newspapers for their important social and democratic role, and recommended that the regulatory model proposed should not provide an added burden to our sector."

"He called on the Government to look urgently at what action it might take to help safeguard regional and local newspapers' ongoing viability as a valued and important part of the British press."

"Yet the deal announced by the three main political parties completely ignores the Leveson recommendations on the local press. The Royal Charter proposals agreed by the Conservatives, Liberal Democrats and Labour –

with huge financial penalties for newspapers who chose to be outside the system and an arbitration service which would open the floodgates to compensation claimants – would place a crippling burden on the UK's 1,100 local newspapers – inhibiting freedom of speech and freedom to publish."

"Local newspapers remain fiercely opposed to any form of statutory involvement or underpinning in the regulation of the press."

"A free press cannot be free if it is dependent on, and accountable to, a regulatory body recognised by the state."

During a Commons debate, the Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg said: "Let us not forget that the hacking scandal was caused by some of our biggest newspapers, but it was still a minority of newspapers and certainly not the local and regional press, which must not pay the price for a problem they did not create."

Chairman of the Culture, Media and Sport select committee, John Whittingdale,

added that: "We should recognise the vital importance of local newspapers and ensure that whatever system we introduce does not add to the burden on them, at a time when they are experiencing very difficult economic circumstances."

The newspaper industry has now (April 25) published its own draft Royal Charter, which means the Queen faces the dilemma of being asked to approve two rival Charters!

The Charter proposed by the press would have investigative powers and resources to dig into cases of suspected wrongdoing, allowing it to call editors to account.

Its board would be independent. Its code of conduct drawn up after public consultation. It meets the principles laid out by Lord Justice Leveson and it preserves press freedom.

Lord Leveson said in his report: "By far the best solution to press standards would be a body established and organised by the industry."

The Government's proposed Royal Charter gives politicians the power to change the system of newspaper and magazine regulation – something that only 16 per cent of the public supports.

By a huge margin, 67 per cent of people said that "the new press regulation system should be set up in a way that does not give politicians the final say if and when changes need to be made," which is the basis of the independent Royal Charter proposal.

Ah! Well! Perhaps it will all come out right in the end. In any case, our readers and advertisers have bigger problems to worry about – as have we!

So, thanks again for all that you do for this area.

All the very best to you for this year and for the better days that have always followed a recession – and will most certainly do so again this time.

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# 30! IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEEK... The GEM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS!

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT THE GEM...

### 'Communicating the GOOD NEWS about Barry's young people'

**A**S a community school, Barry Comprehensive has tried to ensure that we celebrate every success.

The work of The GEM has been instrumental in communicating that success in the local community.

Too often the press is 'given a bad press' for being negative, or thriving on bad news.

As a school, we owe a great deal to The GEM in that it has been very supportive in communicating the high standards of our young people to the people of Barry.

There are GEM stories that really stand out: Barry Comprehensive School's very own torch bearer, Harry Carter, resplendent in white and gold, running through the streets of Barry; year-10 stu-

dents, in 'Father Christmas' strips, taking part in Soccer Santa for Shelter Cymru; Olympian cyclist, Nicole Cooke, speaking to the school parliament – and so many GCSE and A level results celebrations.

The GEM has played a significant role in helping us celebrate success as a school and as a local community; we wish it a very happy 30th anniversary!

Jenny Ford,  
Barry Comprehensive School

### 'The GEM campaigns for what is best in the Vale'

**M**ANY congratulations to The GEM on 30 years as the best free local newspaper in the Vale.

During those years, I advertised my Barry Island Rollerdom business and had an excellent response from the local community.

The GEM has provided great news story coverage of my activities with Barry Island Traders, the Chamber of Trade, and, for the last 10 years, with Pride in Barry.

The GEM backed Pride in Barry's campaign for proper and continued funding for

Barry regeneration, after the demise of the Welsh Development Agency and all had given up hope of the project carrying on.

This resulted in the award of regeneration area status conferred on Barry, along with £9million of funds, and was the catalyst for where we are today in aspiring to have a marina at the Waterfront, along with world class undercover attractions at Barry Island.

You also provided great coverage of Pride in Barry's Blue Plaque Awards.

So, Happy Birthday to The GEM and long may it continue!

Paul Haley  
(Pride in Barry)

### 'Friendly GEM is vital for morale'

**M**R David George, the Headteacher, of Pencoed Comprehensive,

said: "It's extremely reassuring for us as a school to know that The GEM is always ready to include stories and pictures that we send to them."

"It's gratifying for staff, governors, pupils and parents, to see our news in print for the enjoyment of all The GEM's read-

ers. Being able to share information about school activities and the celebration of all our different achievements, is important to the morale of pupils and staff alike.

"Best wishes to The GEM and its staff in celebrating this 30-year anniversary."

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT THE GEM...

## 'The GEM has informed and challenged local community'

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to The GEM on its 30th anniversary – a significant anniversary when one considers it is a newspaper that is available without charge each week through your letterbox – a rich omnibus edition of local fact and opinion which informs and often challenges.

At a time when all newspaper sales are declining The GEM has embraced modern technology, allowing the access to the news contained in each of the four regional editions via its free website – a boon to those living in exile around the world who can view the latest news of their home county via the

by DR JONATHAN HICKS

wonders of the internet.

For those of us who still reside in the Vale of Glamorgan or Bridgend county, this local newspaper has brought us news, articles, features and sports reporting for three decades and its longevity should be applauded.

The benefits of local newspapers are many and the staff at this particular journal have always sought to serve our local communities, reporting faithfully their successes and failures, allowing us all to make informed judgements as to the best directions for the future.

We may not always agree with each other, but cannot cite lack of information from our local free newspaper as the basis for ill-informed standpoints. From my own perspective, it has allowed me to

share with thousands of readers each week the fruits of my research into the local men and women who served their country during WW1 and WW2.

The feedback I have received from readers over the years has spurred me on to further work. Readers have been kind in their comments in the past and to offer encouragement for my studies into a field that can be highly sensitive.

The GEM has been kind enough to publish my articles over several years and I have always been grateful for the opportunity they have provided for me to relate these tales from the past.

Such sharing allows us all to learn more about the past, hopefully equipping us for the future, and allows us to recall those whose stories would otherwise fade with the passage of time.

*The GEM has always supported a mix of the past, present and future and long may it continue to flourish.*

### ANDREW RT DAVIES AM South Wales Central Region



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## 'Vale's go-to newspaper for fair reporting'

**A**S I'm in my early 30s, I suppose that I've grown up with The GEM – the Vale's priceless newspaper.

In my early teens, I used to deliver the paper around Barry; then when I was doing my A-Levels in 1995, I was asked to start writing the Barry Town FC column for the sports section.

It was during the club's golden era when they were in Europe every season, and I wrote the column until 2004.

I shared writing duties with the sadly-missed Roger Stokes.

Back then, there was no e-mail – so we had to type the copy on a typewriter and send it to Cowbridge by post, or read it out over the phone!

Since then, of course, I've become a local councillor and The GEM remains the go-to place for fair reporting of the Vale's political scene, covering issues sensitively and in the public interest.

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## 'Debate and discussion is a necessity'

— VALE COUNCIL LEADER

**I**n a special message for GEM readers, the Leader of the Vale Council, COUN NEIL MOORE, writes: "As our lives become increasingly focused on digital media, this is often heralded as the demise of the local newspaper."

"Yet local news appears to be more popular than ever before, with people actively engaging with news stories via their mobile phones and social media."

"So there is obviously still a great desire to know what is going on around us – and to participate."

"The role of local newspapers has not really changed much over the years; it is the way in which their stories are told that is evolving."

"Whereas readers previously had to wait for the weekly edition of The GEM, they can now read a digital copy of the paper on The GEM's website."

"As Leader of the Vale Council, I understand how vital it is to

have an engaging and incisive local media."

"As a council, our role is to represent the people of this wonderful county. And that involves being subject to close scrutiny and being held accountable to the public."

"Inevitably, there will be some occasions when councillors don't like what they read in the papers, whether it is a news story or a letter in which they feel the council has not been fairly represented."

"But we all respect the necessity for debate and discussion. That is part and parcel of being a democracy."

"The GEM also enables the council to keep the public informed about the hard work being carried out by our members and officers to make the Vale a better place in which to live, work, study and to visit."

"Whether it is news about regeneration, our recycling achievements, the opening of a new community centre, or an invitation for people to take part in consultation, these stories enable the council

to achieve transparency and engage with the public."

"As we mark Local Newspaper Week and the 30th anniversary of The GEM newspaper series, I would like to thank The GEM's staff, past and present, for their hard work and dedication over the last three decades."

## Fond memories of how it all began – and the late Barrie Lloyd Jones

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to The GEM on its 30th anniversary – a fantastic achievement!

I remember the day that the late Barrie Lloyd Jones contacted me to contribute to his new free newspaper to be circulated in the rural Vale.

I was delighted to support the venture and had the pleasure of reporting all the football news throughout the Vale on the back page for a number of years.

Apart from the Llantwit Major Football Club reports, I did the full round-up report on the Vale of Glamorgan Sunday Football League.

I can recall they were very enjoyable times meeting the deadline and delivering my report to Barrie at his home near Cowbridge.

The GEM has provided the best read newspaper in the Vale.

People flock to the newsagents every Thursday to pick up their GEM because they cannot wait to read what is being said about their community, and the 'letters page' of The GEM is read by more people than many national newspapers.

Good luck for the future and thank you all for the contribution you make to our daily life.

**COUN GWYN JOHN,**  
Llantwit Major

## 'BINDING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER'

**I**t is a great challenge for a newspaper to cover such diverse communities that form the Vale.

There is a huge range of social, economic, educational and political matters that requires different information and news depending on where people live – yet The GEM manages to respond to the needs of the urban heart of Barry, tiny villages and everything in between.

In Dinas Powys, there is generous coverage of the large number of local societies. Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, the Scouts and Girl Guides, churches, sports and pensioner groups, all receive support from The GEM. The Annual Dickensian Night, Remembrance Day, Christmas concerts and the Village Show, all figure prominently.

Such stories help to bind the community together.

We are grateful that The GEM continues to cover campaigns such as the work by locals to ensure that the former St Cyres School grounds do not become a housing site, but a hub for the community.

In Barry, The GEM has been at the forefront of campaigns to improve the town.

Issues such as the need for continued investment in Barry so the town can reach its potential.

Barry needs strong advocates such as The GEM.

Over the last 30 years,

the long-delayed development of Barry Waterfront has figured frequently in The GEM pages. However, in this case the development is not what we hoped it would be. Unfortunately, we have lots of houses, not enough leisure and tourism which would have brought jobs to the town.

The GEM continues to have a serious role to play in the life of the Vale.

There are major problems and opportunities ahead: the future of the airport; the protection of individual communities from housing sprawl; the lack of investment in Barry, and the challenges posed by the UK Government's cuts policies.

Without newspapers such as The GEM, many residents simply would not be aware of what is happening or what is planned – proposals that have a direct impact on our lives. Best wishes for the next 30 years.

**CHRIS FRANKS**  
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**LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEEK** 13-19 May 2013



## SPORTS NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

# Double rugby triumph for school teams



**RECENTLY, the year-7 and year-8 rugby teams played in the Vale Cup Final at Barry RFC.**

With the year-8 team going into the final as defending champions and the year-7 team losing to Bro Morgannwg in the finals of the Vale Sevens tournament, both sides had a point to prove.

Although it was a gloriously sunny day, the wind was very strong, which made conditions very difficult for both sides.

The year-7 team made a great start with a score inside two minutes. With the strong wind in their faces, the first half objective was to stay in contention, and to defend, defend, defend.

After five minutes, Bro Morgannwg scored a breakaway try from inside their own half, which put them in the lead. Until half time the game was very nip and tuck, and Cowbridge went into the break just behind at 17-15.

The second half began, and with the wind at their backs Cowbridge were now looking to mount a comeback. Playing the conditions very well, Cowbridge took control of possession and territory and were playing the game in the right areas.

Again, both teams were very evenly matched, but Cowbridge were now starting to edge ahead and ultimately proved to be too strong for Bro Morgannwg. Cowbridge ran in five tries in the second half, with Bro Morgannwg taking two consolation tries. The game finished 46-27, and the year-7 teams were champions.

The year-8 game went in a very similar fashion to the year-7 one. With a number of key players missing, boys had to put their names forward and step up to the plate if Cowbridge were going to regain the title. The game started well with a quick try from Cowbridge, but the Stanwell pack were starting to motor, and were taking a lot of ground around the ruck area.

They brought scores level after 15 minutes, and it was clear to see this game was going to be no push over. At the half-time mark, Cowbridge were just in front 14-12.

The next try was likely to be the game winner. With Ellis Simon and Max Cunningham making the defence's life hell, Cowbridge worked their way up into Stanwell territory, where Ellis broke free and sprinted over for an excellent try. After this, Cowbridge controlled the game and managed to hold off a late fight back from Stanwell.

The game finished 26-19 to Cowbridge.  
Player of the match: year-7 Ben Jones, year-8 Ellis Simons and Max Cunningham.

## Athletics event

**THE senior county championships were held at Leckwith Stadium on April 24.**

Cowbridge won both the girls and boys titles with a good all-round performance from the small number of athletes who took part.

Harry Trotman came third in the high jump clearing 1.70m, second in the shot putt with 10.78m, and taking the county discus title with a throw of 27.78m.

Tom Cunningham came third in discus throwing 19.39m and second in the 2km walk. Sam Roberts took the county title in the javelin with a throw of 37.66m and won the 2km walk.

The boys won the relay with a time of 49.5 seconds with a guest appearance of George Griffiths.

The girls, not to be outdone, also took the county title with the following results:

Fiona Bray took the county title of the 1500m in a time of 5:50.83 mins and fourth in the javelin.

Nikita John won both the 3000m title in a time of 12mins, 33.68secs and the discus title throwing 17.35m. Nikita also came third in the high jump clearing 1.25m.

Rebecca Thomas came second in high jump clearing 1.40m and fourth in the shot putt with 5.20m.

Corinne Sexton was second in her events, putting the shot 5.55m and throwing the javelin 21.42m. The girls won the 4x100m relay in 67.9 seconds.

Senior boys:

First=, Bishop of Llandaff and Cowbridge 107; third, Barry 91; fourth, Stanwell 78; fifth, St Tielo's 63.

Senior girls: First, Cowbridge 156; second, Cardiff High 93; third, Radyr 27.

## Sevens triumph

**RECENTLY, the Cowbridge year-8 rugby team played in the Urdd under-13s National Sevens Championships.**

With the boys losing in the last 16 of Berkhamsted the previous weekend, they were looking to right their wrongs from that day.

The initial group matches all went to plan, with victories of

33-0, 34-0 and 45-5. As a result, Cowbridge would now play a knockout game against Strade and would have to win in order to progress to the second day. During the game the boys were absolutely superb, and they ran out 36-0 winners.

A big breath of relief was let out by all involved, but now there were bigger fish to fry in the quarter final group stages.

Cowbridge had drawn Cwmtawe, Preseli and Maes-yr-yrfia, all very good teams. Each match was going to be treated as a cup final, as one mistake could spell disaster. Again, all of the boys involved played an excellent style of sevens rugby, winning 25-5 v Cwmtawe, 17-10 v Preseli and 36-0 v Maes-yr-Yrfia. They were now in the semi-finals!

The semi-final was a tight affair, and Cowbridge found themselves behind for the first time in the tournament. They needed two tries to draw level. A quick try followed, and the game was restarted: "Last play" shouted the referee.

After around 10 phases, Rhydian Williams stepped inside the blitz defence, danced his way through three defenders and scored at the death. The conversion was needed for the victory, and with nerves of steel Rhydian slotted it over.

Cowbridge were peaking at the right time, all working as a closely cohesive unit. Rhys Bradshaw was organising his backs, Ioan Lewis was the play-maker, Bevan Howells led from the front, Tom Williams and Rhydian Williams used their electric speed, Mike Bosley created space, Edward Lewis released the wingers, Lawrence Bowman kept the defence honest, Sam Corkill terrorised the opposition, Jac Roberts was all over the park, Reuben Williams and Ellis Simons smashed holes in the defence, and Max Cunningham worked tirelessly in all facets of the game.

In the final, Cowbridge were untouchable and put in an 'out of this world' performance. They beat Gwyr 19-0, who had made the final of Berkhamsted, showing what a good side they were.

A special thank you goes out to the parents who support the pupils week in, week out and who always travel, no matter where we play to watch them. Furthermore, another thank you goes to the school who allow us to enter these tournaments, and who have been extremely supportive.



## Seaview lads suffer unpredictable times

**FISHING has never been so unpredictable - with shore anglers enduring awful catches while boat anglers enjoying a bonanza!**

Mickey Langford has dominated the club results throughout April by cleaning up at four shore competitions and then landing an amazing, overwhelming ton-up of fish to win the first boat comp of the year.

His 114lb total included several excellent spurdogs along with Congers' Dogs and Ray.

All ten anglers managed at least one spur, the best topping 15lb.

Fish must surely come inshore

soon but until they do the stoical few that make the effort to book in deserve a medal!

At least the social side of the club is still enjoying massive support. The trip to Chesil beach for Plaice fishing turned out to be an epic long distance mystery tour while the mystery tour trip at one stage was several hundred feet underground - it's anyone's guess as to where our coach trip will terminate!

**RESULTS: Boat trip on Benjoma 11, April 20 -**

1st Micky Langford 114lb 04oz; 2nd Jeff 66lb 04oz; 3rd Tony Saif 62lb 04oz; 4th Chris 55lb 04oz; 5th Roy Bailey 50lb 08oz; 6th Russ Phillips 36lb 08oz; 7th John Cushen 16lb

08oz; 8th Gethin Clarke 15lb 00oz; 9th Trevor 10lb 08oz.

Total Weight 427lb, Biggest fish Conger 30lb, Other Spurdog 15lb 04oz.

**Shore results -**

Friday, April 12 - 1st Micky Langford 14oz; 2nd Glyn Warner 10oz.

Sunday April 14 - 1st Micky Langford 11lb 03oz g.

Friday, April 26 - 1st Micky Langford 21lb 06oz, 2nd Glyn Warner 11lb 05oz.

Sunday, April 28 - 1st Micky Langford 11lb 12oz; 2nd Steve Doble 11lb 04oz. JC



## SPOOKY TALES...

# Flat Holm's mermaid - and ghostly corpse candles!

**THE limestone island of Flat Holm lies in the Bristol Channel, around four miles from Lavernock Point in the Vale.**

It is classed as the most southerly point of Wales and is steeped in many historical aspects.

The more recognised origins of Flat Holm date back to the Mesolithic period of around 15,000 years ago.

However, during the Ice Age, Flat Holm was joined to the Somerset coast, as the sea level was much lower in the Severn Estuary before the Ice Age took its grip on Europe.

As the ice began to melt, most of the land flooded, and therefore created small islands such as Flat Holm and neighbouring Steep Holm. On its northwest point, large fossilised ripples from an ancient era were discovered recently, and the site was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Bronze Age settlements from 900-700 BC were discovered by archaeologists. It was known as the Ewart Park Phase, because a Bronze Age axe head was found in the vicinity as late as 1988. During the 6th Century St Cadoc (a native of Gwent) visited the island.

He lived as a hermit there for seven years, often praying with St Gildas, a monk and priest from Scotland who occupied Steep Holm Island.

The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings also stamped their legacy through documents by Gytha Thorkelsdottir, the mother of Harold II from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle of 1067. She stayed on the island before travelling to France.

Robert Fitzhamon, who was a cousin to William the Conqueror, formed the Shire of Glamorgan, and Flat Holm fell within the boundaries of the two parishes of Cardiff, laying claim to the islet.

A farmhouse was constructed on the site, and Henry VIII leased the island to Edmund Tournor, whose descendants remained on the island until the late 17th Century, when the lease was passed to Joseph Robins, who farmed the land on the west beach.

Other artifacts discovered on Flat Holm came through a survey conducted by Howard Thomas in 1979. He unearthed potsherds from the medieval period, middens (waste heaps), a numerous amount of animal bones, together with oyster and cockle shells.

He also found fragments of pottery from the late 12th, 13th, and 14th

Centuries, as well as sandstone roof tiles and traces of demolished medieval buildings.

Flat Holm originally acquired its name from the Anglo-Saxons who called it Brandanreolice. This originated from the Irish word meaning churchyard, which probably related to burial grounds at the time.

However, Holm means island of an estuary in Old Norse, a prevalent indication that the Viking Fleet from Brittany, led by Other and Hroald, had taken refuge there after their defeat by the Saxons and Watchets.

In 1815, Thomas Turner visited Flat Holm by boat. He became stranded on the island for a week due to high winds, and during his time on the islet he stumbled across two Christian graves in a field. Eerily, one had already been prised open revealing the skeleton of a man. His marble headstone had the engraving of a Celtic cross which had split in half over time.

The second grave revealed more macabre skeletons which had been doused in lime. This could have been a practice used when people had contracted contagious diseases, and the lime would have been used to sterilise the bodies, in the belief that it

would eradicate the disease.

The island was also home to miners digging for silver or tin, and is more famously known for receiving the first-ever radio message across the water by Marconi in 1897.

It was also an ideal location in more recent times for the television programme *Torchwood*. In 2011, a public house was opened to welcome visitors to the island.

The island is under a 99-year lease and is owned by Cardiff City Council.

*Flat Holm Island is an ideal location for ghostly beings, and a frequent visitor seems to be a gentleman wearing a flat cap and old-fashioned clothing.*

Said to roam the entire island, he makes his presence known to innocent bystanders before vanishing in a hazy mist. Who could this strange phantom be, and why does he still remain in a world now beyond his grasp?

Mysterious bright lights have been reported by observers from the mainland. They seem to move in slow and low directions, hovering above the landscape before disappearing as quickly as they appeared. Could these strange anomalies be traditional corpse candles, which are eerie illuminations thought to signify death?

The vision of a lady with a pale complexion washing in the sea has been witnessed. Alarming, she seems to have a black tail splashing behind her, giving indications of a mermaid.

*But do these creatures really exist, or is the vision a mass figment of imagination? Fact or fiction? Only you can decide...*

*I would dearly like to thank Mr WE Dunn who has sent me invaluable information.*

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## COASTAL EXHIBITION

**TWO limited edition prints by artist, Stan Rosenthal, have been provided by Vale-based Topstak for the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Exhibition at St Donat's Arts Centre until the end of May.**

The exhibition, headed by the Creative Rural communities, is focusing on artists inspired by the Heritage Coast.

The two Stan Rosenthal artworks 'Southerndown' and 'Cwm Nash' are classic and colourful examples of his distinctive style which were produced while the artist lived in Cowbridge.

Sadly, he died last year.

# Bronze Age artefacts declared as 'treasure'

**A LATE Bronze Age hoard of 11 axes, thought to have been buried around 1000-800BC (between 3,000 and 2800 years ago) and a middle to late Bronze Age penannular ring, thought to have been buried between 1300-800BC (between 3,300 and 2,800 years ago) have been declared treasure by HM Coroner for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.**

The hoard of 11 bronze axes were discovered in the community of Colwinston, Vale of Glamorgan on April 1, 2012 by Mr Alan Beale. The axes were found buried together while Mr Beale was metal detecting on farm land.

The penannular ring was found by Mr Ronald Sanders in the community of St Donats, Vale of Glamorgan on January 20, 2012 while Mr Sanders was metal detecting on farm land.

The discoveries were reported as possible treasure to Mark Lodwick, portable antiquities scheme co-ordinator for Wales (PAS Cymru) and were subsequently reported on by museum archaeologists at Amgueddfa Cymru, National Museum Wales.

The hoard of 11 axes is made up of seven complete or near complete bronze socketed axes, fragments of three further bronze socketed axe fragments and one near complete bronze Late Palstave. The socketed axes all have ribbed decoration on their faces, though include a variety of types. All are datable to the Ewart Park metalworking tradition of the Late Bronze Age.

"While carefully cleaning the soil from the sockets of the complete axes, Mary Davis an archaeological conservator based at Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales, discovered two socketed axe fragments carefully inserted into the sockets of two of the axes," a museum spokesperson explained.

An investigation undertaken by archaeologists working for the Portable Antiquities Scheme Cymru and Amgueddfa Cymru had confirmed that the bronze hoard was buried within a specially dug pit, seemingly some distance away from any Bronze Age settlement.

Adam Gwilt, Curator of the Bronze Age Collections at Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales said: "The finder's account of the position-



ABOVE:

A selection of the recovered axe heads.

ing of the axes when found, suggests the objects were buried in the ground in a precise and careful way. It is possible that the hoard was placed as a gift to the gods, during a ceremony held by the local Bronze Age farming and metalworking community."

The penannular ring, also declared as treasure, is approximately 16mm in diameter and is 4.8-5.5mm thick, weighing around 7g.

It is an example of a class of object termed a "hair-ring". The small items of jewellery may have been worn as earrings, although some

archaeologists have suggested they were a form of hair decoration.

Amgueddfa Cymru, National Museum Wales, is keen to acquire the hoard of axes and the penannular ring following their independent valuation.

A unique ceremonial gold cape, the Mold Gold Cape, made around 3,700 years ago during the early Bronze Age, will be loaned by the British Museum for public display in Wales this summer.

The gold cape will be exhibited at the National Museum Cardiff from July 2 to August 4 and then Wrexham County Borough Museum, from August 7 to September 14.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

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Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2013/00319/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Retention of changes to 2011/00693/FUL including lower games room and raised decking
Location/Lleoliad:	Pen y Garreg, Piccadilly, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Llanblethian
<b>Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig</b>	
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Proposal/Cynnig:	Repair and replacement of windows and rainwater goods
Location/Lleoliad:	Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major
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Proposal/Cynnig:	Repairs to listed stone boundary wall at West Aberthaw Farm following vehicle impact damage
Location/Lleoliad:	West Aberthaw Farm, West Aberthaw
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Location/Lleoliad:	Land adjoining White Farm, Merthyr Dyfan, Barry
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2013/00356/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	The erection of a single wind turbine along with associated works 31.5 metres to hub with blade diameter of 27 metres
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**Dated / Dyddiedig: 9 May, 2013**

**M. Goldsworthy  
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry, CF63 4RT**

# Historic treasure found in the Vale

**THREE silver gilt objects found in the Vale have been declared as treasure by the Deputy Coroner for Cardiff and the Vale.**

A silver gilt dress-hook was found at Llanfair by Mr T Kelly while metal detecting on May 15, 2011.

A complete silver gilt finger ring was found in ploughed farmland at St Donats by Mr David Hughes while metal detecting in April 2010. Another silver gilt finger ring was found on September 20, 2011 with the aid of a metal detector, in a ploughed field near Gileston (landowner J Thomas).

The discoveries were reported as possible treasure to Mark Lodwick, portable antiquities scheme co-ordinator for Wales (PAS Cymru) and were subsequently examined by Dr Mark Redknap of the department of archaeology and numismatics, Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales, Cardiff.

A museum spokeswoman said: "The silver gilt dress-hook from Llanfair is closely paralleled by an example from Cranbrook, Kent, and similar forms from Wanborough, Wiltshire, Chelsham Court Farm, Chelsham, Surrey, and Arreton, Isle of Wight.

"Documentary evidence indicates that these items were popular in the 16th century (the latest reference in an inventory being dated 1598).

"The silver gilt ring from St Donats was found with the aid of a metal detector by Mr David Hughes on ploughed farmland, at a depth of

about 12cm (4"). The decorative style and form of the ring indicate that it dates to the period 1,500-50. Similar examples Buckingham, Buckinghamshire and onboard the Mary Rose, lost in the Solent in 1545.

A silver gilt ring found at Llanover, Vale of Glamorgan, in 2004, also has diagonal bands and variations on the diagonal band repeating design occur on late 15th century finger rings.

"The silver gilt decorative finger ring found near Gileston on September 20 with the aid of a metal detector in a field of ploughed land, near Gileston was reported to have been found at a depth of about 10 cm. In terms of size and design, the object is a fine example of a late medieval decorative ring of late 15th century date.

"Amgueddfa Cymru, National Museum Wales, is keen to acquire these items for the national collections following their independent valuation," the spokesperson concluded.

National Museum Cardiff is free, thanks to the support of the Welsh Government. Amgueddfa Cymru operates seven national museums across Wales: National Museum Cardiff, St Fagans, National History Museum, National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon, Big Pit: National Coal Museum, Blaenafon, National Wool Museum, Dre-fach Felindre, National Slate Museum, Llanberis and the National Waterfront Museum, Swansea.



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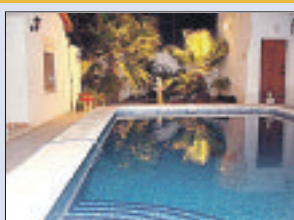
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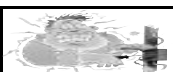
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grandmother to Jonathan and Emma, Katie and James,  
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by all. Particular thanks to all doctors and nursing staff  
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### HANCOCK

**David**

Freda and family would like to thank all  
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well as all those who sent the many cards,  
flowers and messages of support.

We are also grateful to the Reverend Robert  
Evans for conducting the service, to Gareth  
for giving such a moving eulogy, and to  
Barbara, Don and Rhoose WRVS for all their  
kindness and support.

Our thanks also go to Thelma for the  
beautiful flower arrangement, Rhoose Coffee  
Time for the buffet tea and all at John James  
for the funeral arrangements and organising  
the donations to Ty Hafan.

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**Robert "Bob"**

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*Ena will be much missed by all.*

## Birthdays



**Happy 18th Birthday**

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## WHAT'S ON in brief

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The winning Maesteg  
store used the space hop-  
per in a time trial relay  
race and received cash  
funding for a night out.  
Two runners up stores  
were also selected.

## Millwood bowlers are back in action

MILLWOOD bowling club were in action  
away from home against Maesteg Welfare  
in the Carruthers Shield on May 4.

They emerged 74-66 winners, and now face  
Murch on May 11, then Cowbridge away on May 18.  
The team also played Penarth Windsor away on  
May 1 in the Munro Cup and lost 69-60.

Millwood A faced Barry Athletic in a friendly on  
May 4 and slipped to a 44-66 loss.



# RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS IMPRESS AT GB STILLWATER CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Nipper team.



The Junior team.



The Masters team.



The Junior under-17 relay team.



Gold medal winners Sian Frith and Karen O'Donoghue-Harris.



ABOVE: Gold medal winners Dominic Lee and Steve Baker.

**FOLLOWING** a successful series of competition dates at the Welsh Stillwaters earlier in the year, April saw the Nipper, Junior, Senior and Masters teams from Rhoose Lifeguards compete in the British Surf Life Saving Stillwater Championships.

Competing against teams from across England and Wales, held over two consecutive weekends at Bath University and Millfield School, Somerset, the teams from all age groups put in an impressive display.

## Senior and Masters team

THE competition kicked off with the Senior and Masters travelling to Bath University on April 14. With both teams competing over the course of the Sunday, it was a busy day with many competitors taking part in four individual races as well as relays and rope throw events. The Senior team consisting of a team of four, achieved some very high individual and relay race positions against some tough competition.

The Masters team put in some fantastic individual performances with gold medals awarded to Heddus Davies, Dominic Lee, Richard Davidson, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Sian Frith, Steve Baker and John Arnold. A full list of medal winners in individual events is below.

The Senior team achieved an overall position of ninth out of the 14 clubs competing and the Masters secured a rewarding second place out of the 11 clubs in their category, matching last year's result.

Masters team individual medal winners: Heddus Davies – Bronze Rescue Medley, Gold Manikin Tow with Fins. Jon Martlew – Silver Manikin Tow with Fins. Dominic Lee – Bronze Manikin Carry, Gold Manikin Carry with Fins, Bronze Manikin Tow

with Fins, Bronze Rescue Medley. Richard Davidson – Gold Manikin Carry, Silver Manikin Carry with Fins, Silver Manikin Tow with Fins, Gold Rescue Medley. Karen O'Donoghue-Harris – Gold Manikin Carry, Gold Manikin Carry with Fins. Sian Frith – Bronze Manikin Carry, Bronze Manikin Carry with Fins, Gold Manikin Tow with Fins. John Arnold – Gold Manikin Carry, Gold Rescue Medley. Steve Baker – Silver Manikin Tow with Fins. Simon Parker – Bronze Manikin Carry, Silver Manikin Carry with Fins, Bronze Rescue Medley.

## Nipper team

SATURDAY, April 20 saw the turn of the Rhoose Nippers team to travel to Millfield School to compete. The Nipper team are the youngest competitors of the club and despite an early start for the kids (and parents!) the competition got off to a great start with all Nippers thoroughly enjoying the events. With Nipper co-ordinator Liz Wong away for this competition, the 'all girl' team of six competitors was managed on the day by some of the parent helpers and they did a great job keeping the Nipper team motivated.

Liz said: "Well done to Ruby, Brooke, Ellie, Kiera, Emily and Liberty for competing at the GB Championships and to the parents who helped run the team for the day – your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you."

Despite a small team, the Nippers achieved some great personal bests in the various races and came away with an overall position of 17th place and 13th within the girls' category out of the 20 clubs competing.

## Junior team

LAST, but by no means least, it was the turn of the Juniors to compete on Sunday, April 21, again travelling to Millfield School, Somerset for what again was to be a packed day of events. With a team of eight girls

led by co-ordinator Steve Baker, the Juniors took on some excellent competitors within their individual age groups achieving many high positions. The team also secured some very confident places in the relay events and well done to Kathryn Gardner and Lauren Blake for their performances in the Super Lifesaver event – a 200m race with a combination of swimming and lifesaving techniques.

Particular congratulations also to Ellie Peterson and Ruby Redrup who, due to their age, competed at both the Nipper and Junior competitions over the two days. Well done both!

Steve Baker again would like to thank all of the Juniors for their superb efforts at the championships and also to the parents who gave up their time to help and support the club. The Junior Team finished the day with an overall position of 13th out of the 21 clubs competing.

## Overall teams

NIPPER team: Kiera Harris, Emily Parker, Brooke Peterson, Liberty Brooks, Ellie Peterson, Ruby Redrup.

Particular thanks to all of those with the club who helped with time keeping and other duties – we couldn't attend these competitions without you!

The GB Stillwater Championship brings a close to the indoor pool-based competitions for the club but very soon the beach and sea competitions get underway.

Further details can be found on the Rhoose Lifeguards website [www.rhooselifeguards.co.uk](http://www.rhooselifeguards.co.uk).

## Phoenix players in finals action



**PENCOED PHOENIX** players Robyn Wilkins and Charlie Mundy played in the WRU Llandovery Finals day on April 28.

Next up for the Phoenix is the Shane Williams beach rugby tournament on July 27. All new players are welcome to join the Pencoed Phoenix team; come along on training nights at Pencoed RFC at 6pm or contact the club on 01656 860152 for more information.



# Rhose FC aims to hit big time against neighbours



**RHOOSE FC have been crowned South Wales Amateur Football League first division champions for the first time.**

The club will now go into a play-off with local rivals Sully Sports FC for the honour of promotion into the MacWhirter Welsh Football League next season. The play-off tie will take place at Bryntirion Park, Bridgend on Saturday, May 25.

The club will also play in the final of the South Wales Senior Cup (versus S.T.M. Sports), to be played at Bryntirion on Friday, May 10 and the final of the W. John Owen Cup (versus Llangynwyd Rangers) to be played at the White Tips Stadium, Treorest on Friday, May 17.

The club's success this season is due in no small part to the opportunity to ground share with Barry Town at Jenner Park and

therefore take advantage of the excellent facilities available; and to this end the club would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to the officers of the Vale of Glamorgan Council who made this possible and the ground staff at Jenner park for maintaining an exemplary playing surface throughout the season in sometimes seemingly impossible conditions given the winter that we've just had.

*Rhose FC: Matthew Davey, Oliver Dalton; Matthew Philips; Jon Carpentier; Craig Green; Nicky Davison; Liam Jones; Joseph Hinds, Calvin McLaggon, Drew Fahiya; James Dixon; Joshua Reffell; Marcus Maddar; Sion Anstee; Christian Baldock; Barry Niblett, Rhodri Foote and David Stephenson - Coaches: Paul Giles & Steve Hill.*

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# Glamorgan title for Porthkerry Panthers

**PORKKERRY PANTHERS' first season in the Vale of Glamorgan League came to an end with a hard fought victory over Dinas Powys which ensured the league title, narrowly beating close rivals Sully to the Championship.**

The game against Dinas was a must win for the Panthers and with five minutes remaining Dinas struck the bar as the Panthers held a slender lead 4-3.

Goals from Lloyd Perkins, Jack Stokes and two from Joe Mellars, the second of which was a sublime chip from 30 yards, had made it a very nervous final game and with time running out Dinas looked capable of pegging the Panthers back.

The Panthers however like to do things the hard way and three goals in the final few minutes made the final score a little more flattering than the game suggested. Joe got two more to add to his total, the second coming from an inch perfect ball from Joseph Nicholas while Tom Lowrie added to the score sheet from a neatly taken finish to round things off.

The league title was not won during this final game against Dinas however; it was won over the previous 17 games from a squad of players that contributed throughout.

Captain Jack Stokes had scored the winning goal against Sully weeks previously which had given them the emphasis to take the initiative in the league while his fellow centre-back Adam Davies has been a rock in defence all season.

Cory James has shown why he is rated as the best left back in the league and Oliver White has guarded the right side all season. Luke Wilson has been playing in almost every position, the centre pairing of Lloyd Perkins and

Bradley Western have dominated; Bradley's delivery and Lloyds determination complementing each other week in week out.

Callum Bellamy scored the vital first against Cadoxton Imps while Ben Jones scored a late winner against Dinas in the previous fixture.

Declan Edwards was outstanding in the final league game against Dinas and Rhys Everitt picked up man of the match performances against Barry Town and Cogan.

Owen Dudley found the net with some memorable goals from outside the box whilst Joseph Nichols notched the goal of the game against Cowbridge.

Tom Lowrie, who is the pace within the Panthers, was used up front and in midfield and sides were unable to cope with his devastating pace; he also scored the Panthers' goal of the season.

Joe Mellars will always score goals but the one against Dinas and Sully A will be relied on a number of occasions and finally our dependable keeper Ben Wallace who made the save of the season against Dinas has proven to be one safe pair of hands throughout the season.

The management team and boys would like to say a big thank you to team sponsors Gulliver's Truck Hire Ltd and in particular Karl Hadley for their generous support this year.

Massive congratulations to the whole team for their hard work and dedication, beach training, cold winter nights and team spirit, which together has ensured a first championship trophy.

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# WANDERERS FALL SHORT IN FIRST GAME

**ON a sunny but breezy afternoon at Hayes Point the Wanderers 1st XI opened their league account against Hopkinstown.**

Winning the toss, captain Aled Hughes decided to put the visitors in. This proved to be a good decision when Adam Walsh had Lewis caught at mid-wicket in the first over.

Visiting captain Pember looked in dangerous form as he helped move the score to 46-1 off 15 overs. Gareth Jones had Martin bowled for 12 then after a change in the bowling Neil Blundell took the important wicket of Pember for 41 leaving the visitors 75-3 off 18 overs. New batsman Phillips and Quelly looked to take the attack to the Wanderers with some very attacking batting.

This was always going to bring chances and so it proved with both men succumbing to the bowling of Ed Ford and the catching skill of Adam Walsh. Ford continued to be effective with the ball and claimed two more wickets and finished with fine figures of 4 for 27 from 10 overs.

This spell left Hopkinstown 151-8. Reno Defeo

picked up a wicket from the tree end before the visitors closed their innings on 182-9 from their allocated 45 overs.

The Wanderers' innings couldn't have got off to a worse start. Jamie Keir was adjudged LBW with out troubling the scorers and the very next ball captain Aled Hughes was caught at point cutting. Things got worse a few overs later when Paul Sawyer was spectacularly caught by a one handed diving effort at slip.

The Wanderers were in all sorts of trouble at 21-3 from 7 overs. In desperate need of a partnership Ed Sherriff and Rob Cooper set about rebuilding the innings. With both looking well set and putting away any bad ball that was bowled to them the scoreboard started to tick over and the Wanderers began to take control. However after misjudging a single Sherriff was run out for 27 having not looked in any trouble throughout his innings.

Cooper having been joined by Reno Defeo was looking in good touch, however after attempting a quick single he pulled his hamstring and required a runner, ultimately hampering the rest of his innings. Struggling to play shots Cooper brought up his first

50 for the club.

He moved quickly onto 66 before being caught at mid-wicket leaving the score at 113-5 from 25 overs. Defeo and Blundell worked hard to keep the Wanderers up with the run rate but when both were bowled by Phillips and Jeffery for 12 either side of the wicket of Ed Neale and with the score only at 130 the task facing the Wanderers became too much.

Gareth Jones was unluckily bowled having played the ball on to his stumps and when Ford was clean bowled looking for a big shot over the top the Wanderers' innings was brought to an end with the score on 144. Wanderers 1st XI now travel to Cross Keys on Saturday looking to bounce back from their first game defeat.

The Dow Corning Player of the match was Ed Ford for his four wickets.

## BARRY WANDERERS v ROGERSTONE

Barry Wanderers travelled to the picturesque Rogerstone Welfare Cricket ground on Sunday looking to put the two league defeats behind them from the day before.

Skipper Peter Coleman lost the toss as the home side elected to bat first on a belter of a track.

The afternoon started sedately enough as the Rogerstone openers carefully went about their business picking off singles and the occasional boundary to keep the scoreboard ticking along.

Fenton and Walsh with their pace produced a few balls that kept them on their toes and it was Walsh who struck first having the opener clean bowled. Fenty soon joined the party as a loopy shot was well caught by Ellis at gully.

This brought first team skipper A. Hallaway to the crease and it was clear to see that he meant business as he had scored a fifty in imaginary shots before getting to the wicket. It was clear to everyone that his real shots were as good as his imaginary shots as his first ball faced went to the boundary for 4.

Old campaigner Dave Morgan playing his first game of the season bowled well and took a wicket. Young Sam Harris provided some excellent support with his controlled bowling and he richly deserved his three wickets, all catches well caught in the outfield by Coleman (2) and Phil Wolfenden who took a splendid diving running catch.

Ellis came onto bowl and mopped up the tail. An innings that looked at one stage to total over 200 eventually finished on 181 all out with Harris finishing with figures of 3 - 40 and Ellis 4 - 24.

After a sumptuous tea the Wanderers had the task

of chasing down a total of 181 at a run rate of 4.5 an over.

Young Lewis Downey and Steve Norman opened the batting for the Wanderers and looked composed in the first few overs, but alas Christina Shaw, a 15 year old Welsh international bowler, soon had the Wanderers top order in tatters with 3 quick wickets. Lewis Downey and Theo Richards being clean bowled and Norman holding out at mid on for 7.

At 24 for 3 the position looked precarious and it was left to Andy Fenton to steady the ship. He continued his fine early season form with the bat and looked as composed as ever at the crease and with Walsh settling in at the other end the ship was somewhat steadied.

Nothing looked to rattle the pair and it was left to a dubious LBW decision to break the partnership as Walsh was given out with the ball hitting his thigh guard.

With Fenton now dominating at the crease and placing the ball majestically round the field picking the gaps and rotating the scoreboard. One big six by Stealey was followed by a fantabulous cut and you could sense he was enjoying every minute of his time out in the middle.

Unfortunately, this was cut short as Stealey departed for 26 being clean bowled by Hallaway who sensing an upset was on the cards brought himself onto bowl his fast seam ups.

Hallaway soon repeated the trick by bowling Wolfenden and this brought Ellis to the crease with the Wanderers needing 65 more runs off 10 overs. Fenton and Ellis having been in this situation before decided that attack was the best form of defence and the score soon came down to 30 needed off 5 overs.

As Fenton passed a serene 50 with another glorious straight drive and Ellis hitting a rare six the Wanderers players could sense a Sunday away day victory.

With 5 needed off the last over Fenton and Ellis each hit one and then Fenton seemed to have won the game by hitting a straight drive only for it to hit the stumps and the ball stop dead.

Next ball Fenton hit a quick single and it was left to Ellis to hit the penultimate ball of the game for 4 and see the Wanderers to victory. A most entertaining game played in great spirits and one that Fenton will not forget quickly as he hit 83 super runs and deservedly took the Dow Corning player of the match award.

MARK ELLIS

## Wolves lead out Wales



**DINAS POWYS Wolves under-10s recently were honoured to lead out Wales under-15's against Belgium and Switzerland at Jenner Park.**

It was an experience all the players will never forget, standing with the future stars of the game as the anthems were belted out around the home of Barry Town.

The Wales national manager Chris Coleman was in attendance alongside Ian Rush, while assistant coach Osian Roberts took to the dugout.

Following this the players then took to their role as ball boys and girls around the running track on

two lovely sunning evenings.

Both evenings were rounded off by Ian Rush coming over to meet all the young Dinas players and having a little chat. This is becoming a regular thing now for Mr Rush, having recently attended a training session with the boys and girls of Dinas and getting on first name terms with a certain young Robson.

Sarah George commented: "Both nights were great and memories like this will always stay with boys and girls for ever, especially when the Welsh anthem was playing."

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# Cadoxton bowlers kick off their season

## CADOXTON 'A' v Romilly 'A' - SVL:

P Ellis, D Tuck, G Davies, G Brown 5 - 36 L Jones, T Bloomfield, B Gough, M Doyle, S Clements, R Cole, A Turner, R Harding 14 - 17 P Gershenson, D Mottram, A Freeman, G Cogbill; D Fanning, M Curtis, I Dunbar, J Davies 13 - 26 J Coles, A Jones, C Geen, R Hewitson; G Powell, L Adams, W Eadie, D Brook 14 - 19 D Cameron, D Bannister, G Rees, R Wyatt. Final score: 46 - 98.

A programmed home and away double fixture did not take place due to a shortage of available players. The other game, a friendly, between the club sides, was cancelled.

The home side Romilly started their South Vale League aspirations with a convincing win on all rinks. The best performance for Cadoxton was produced by Roy Harding's rink, against a strong rink skipped by Graham Cogbill.

The visitors took an early 6-0 lead, which was followed by a '3' and '2' against. The home side then

advanced to 11-7 up, before the lead was reduced to just one shot with two ends left. Two singles increased the winning score to three shots.

Derek Brook skipped his rink against Bob Wyatt to a 5 shot defeat after conceding a '4' and '3' early in the game. Jim Davies won on ten ends, with his rink against Ray Hewitson's. However three of the losing ends were two '5's and a '4'.

Graham Brown and his rink were outclassed, with the home side, skipped by Mike Doyle, playing superb bowls on a difficult rink.

## Cadoxton v Llantwit Major - Munro Cup, Wednesday May 1

J Stacey, S Clarke, M Mathews, D Kuhnell 9 - 27 D Mutlow, G Williams, C Colling, S Booker; P Swannick, L Davies, J Davies, G Brown 13 - 14 D Ahearn, M Grosvenor, N Parry, R George; G Solomon, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 18 - 17 J Crane, T Ingroville, A Hayes, M Aplin; P Ellis, D Fanning, D Brook, K Chedgoy 14 - 16 I Williamson, K Garrison, E Sparkes, D Ahearn. Final score 54 - 74.

Cadoxton hosted the first Munro Cup match of the season against Llantwit Major. The outcome was just two points for a winning rink skipped by Howard Craven. They went behind with a '4' against on the third end, but then scored a '4' on the next to regain the advantage, which was held until a '4' on the 14th put the visitors in front; however a good final few ends produced the win.

Newcomer, Paul Swannick, made an acceptable debut as lead on Graham Brown's rink. The result was a narrow one shot defeat, although a win was prevented when the opposing skip reduced a probable six shots to two with a horrendous wick on the penultimate end. Kelvin Chedgoy skipped his rink to another close result.

After seven ends the visitors had a two shot advantage, but a '5' put the home side in front. However with just a single in the next seven ends they trailed by five shots. A '3' on the penultimate end left them with just one shot deficit, but a single

against the last gave the visitors the points.

On the fourth rink, Don Kuhnell found his opposite number, Steve Booker in superlative form. If a bowl had to be taken out or the jack moved or just a draw, he did it end after end. This resulted in a heavy defeat for the Cadoxton rink.

Cadoxton opened the season with six new members joining the club. However they are struggling to get two sides out on a Saturday.

They have numerous members with health problems, some hospitalised, others are on holiday; with the season coming to a close some are watching football.

The first week one game had to be called off as only three players were available. This week the 'A' side had to play with four players short. Hopefully by next week they will be back up to full strength.

## Cadoxton v Caerau Athletic - Carruthers

L Adams, G Powell, D Brook, K Chedgoy 11 - 25; J Stacey, D Evans, M Mathews, D Kuhnell 23 - 9; G Solomon, G Davies, J Davies, G Brown 8 - 24; P Ellis, D Tuck, W Eadie, H Craven 24 - 20. Final score 66 - 78.

The Carruthers fixtures started this week with a trip to Caerau Athletic. One of the new members, Carl Cowling, was called in at short notice due to a late illness and he played his part on a successful rink skipped by Howard Craven.

They were 5 shots down after two ends, but a '4' on the 6th end put them 8-6 up. This was increased steadily until the thirteenth end when they were 18-8 in front. A bad patch over the next five ends conceded 8 shots.

Two '3's almost recovered the situation but a '4' against on the final end took a bit of the shine off. Don Kuhnell skipped his rink to another success by winning 15 ends and lead throughout. Kelvin Chedgoy's rink struggled and had 15 losing ends in their defeat.

Graham Brown's rink were never in contention throughout the game and managed just eight singles, which was wiped out in just one end with an '8'

against.

## Cadoxton 'A' v Murch 'A' - SVL

S Clements, D Hammond, A Turner 12-21; E Heppenstall, D Fanning, R Harding 12-20; R Cole, J Ferguson, I Robertson 6-21; I Heppenstall, C Burgess, M Curtis, S Clarke 17-17.

After much scrimping and scraping Cadoxton 'A' managed to present a team with three players short, to host the SVL match against Murch 'A'. Two of these were newcomers making their debut, Dennis Hammond, and Jim Ferguson. Colin Burgess came out of retirement to assist with the numbers; the outcome was a defeat.

DK

## Under-11s end season with good show

L LANTWIT MAJOR under-11s travelled to the scenic setting of Llandaff Rugby Club for their final piece of rugby action for the 2012-13 season.

In what's been a difficult season for the team they looked to end it on a high playing in the Rob Lewis memorial trophy against the touring teams from Manchester and Caernarvon as well as local teams CRICC, Llandaff North and the hosts Llandaff.

Up first were the host team and despite the game being close for long periods of the match Llandaff eventually ran out 4-1 winners with Luke Hinken-Evans getting the Llantwit score.

Up next were Caernarvon and with the score 0-0 at half time Llantwit fancied their chances of a win. Three tries in quick succession from the north Wales outfit handed Llantwit their second defeat.

With the fans basking in the glorious weather Llantwit again fought hard when they came up against Manchester with a late try handing the tourists a 1-0 win.

Following three narrow defeats Llantwit finally had cause to celebrate with a hard fought 3-1 win over CRICC.

Despite going 1-0 down, tries from Ethan White, Olly Wong and

Sam Croucher gave Llantwit their victory. The final group match saw unbeaten Llandaff North turn on the style and they beat Llantwit 7-1 with Ethan White again scoring.

Llantwit advanced to the plate final and they faced a CRICC side looking for revenge for the earlier defeat. The match was a fantastic see-saw battle with both sides playing some lovely rugby.

CRICC were ahead 4-3 going into the last play and sustained Llantwit pressure saw captain Sam Croucher score a try that sent the final into sudden death extra time.

As both sides went for the win it was CRICC who picked up loose ball and their flying winger picked up their fifth try of the match to break Llantwit hearts and earn CRICC the plate victory.

A great end to the season and the club's thanks must go to Llandaff Rugby Club for a great day out.

The under-11s now have their presentation this Sunday (May 12) and will be starting pre-season training early this year on Sunday, June 9.

If you are interested in training or playing with next season's under-12s they contact team manager Bec Greenaway on neilan- bec@hotmail.co.uk or go the club website for more details.

MR

## VALE NOT STRONG ENOUGH

A weakened Vale first team were crushed by Barry in this Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Division 2 game.

Vale skipper Mark Francis won the toss and that proved to be the only joy Vale had all day.

Opting to bat first, largely due to a severely weakened bowling attack, Vale were soon in trouble as opening pair Ben Horton and Matthew Williams departed for ducks within the first 4 overs.

JP Davies was soon clean bowled for 10 and after 7 overs, Vale were in real trouble at 16-3.

A 35-run partnership between Paul Sheppard and skipper Francis steadied the ship before Sheppard edged to first slip after making a positive 25. The number 13 proved unlucky for the skipper as he was adjudged lbw, reducing Vale to 55-5.

Chris Pike looked in disbelief as an instinctive catch close in on the off side was held for a very unlucky dismissal off the last ball of S Jones' spell.

The opening bowlers had bowled through to return good figures of 4-41 off 10 overs. At the other end Pete Hellyar had also bowled through, returning figures of 2-29 off 10 overs.

The tail did well to

add another 30 runs but Carl Brooks (caught at cover), Billy Yates (clean bowled), Tom Johnson (skying a catch) and Ollie Pike (caught at mid-wicket) could not dig Vale out of the mire.

Paul Gilbert remained the unbeaten batsman but the fact that the second highest score was extras with 14 said much about Vale's sorry batting effort. Gee 2-8 off 8.1 overs and Usswald 2-16 off 7 overs also returned good bowling figures for Barry.

A day that started badly was not about to get much better for Vale. Despite Matthew Williams opening with three maidens, the Vale bowling attack very rarely threatened the Barry batsman. Vale's only chance came from a dropped catch at point off the skipper.

Barry eased to a 10 wicket victory with White ending 51 not out and Morgan 38 not out. The Vale bowling figures were Ollie Pike 5-0-23-0, Matthew Williams 6-3-15-0, Mark Francis 5-1-25-0, Billy Yates 3-0-22-0, Tom Johnson 2-0-8-0 and Paul Gilbert 0-2-0-4-0.

With players returning this week Vale will seek to get back to winning ways and restore confidence against Ebbw Vale at Corntown.

MF

## MIXED START FOR YOUNG COWBRIDGE CRICKETERS

IT has been a mixed start to the Cowbridge club under-15s team.

Captain Rian Thomas and vice-captain Matthew Keating have led from the front but it was a difficult start with the first game away against Cardiff.

The team included two girls in Lori Thomas and Louisa Knowles, who have both been selected for the Welsh under-15s squad.

Cardiff captain and Welsh under-15s player K. Carlson won the toss and elected to bat in the 20 over Cardiff and the Vale league match. He and fellow opener Sisidisyia reached the retired score of 35 runs in no time but following their departure the Cowbridge team got involved in the game.

Lori Thomas bowled well gaining a wicket as did Cai Owen and Alex Gardner, playing his first ever competitive match.

Cardiff reached 139 for 3 at the close of their innings.

In reply, Rian Thomas scored a powerful 35 but the other batsmen failed to keep up with the run rate and only Charley Pegrum and Cai Owen (14 and 16 runs respectively) showed any resistance in a total of 88 for 6, thus losing by 51 runs.

On a glorious bank holiday Monday morning, the team hosted local rivals Miskin in the first round of the zoned Welsh clubs under-15s cup.

Winning the toss Rian Thomas, the home captain, had no hesitation in batting first on belter of a wicket.

He reached a retired 53 in no time, hitting the ball extremely hard to the boundary with some glorious shots. After Matthew Keating went for 13 runs Cai Evans took over the mantle and was unlucky to be out 2 short of his half century.

Jac Davies (18 runs) and Charley Pegrum (15 runs) brought the score to 176 for 3 at the close of

the innings.

Cowbridge used four spinners to open their attack and were in the wickets immediately with Keating and Owen gaining a wicket each but the star was Aled Evans getting his first two wickets for the club and at one point was on a hat trick.

The captain used all members of the team to bowl with Owen Tuckwell and Tomos Hawksworth getting a wicket each. Miskin reached 84 for 6 thus Cowbridge winning by 92 runs. They play in the next round Newport also at home.

Congratulations to both Charley Pegrum and Matthew Keating who played for the county under-14s team that defeated Pembroke away. Matthew took 8 wickets for 16 runs. Rian Thomas also played for the successful under-15s county team that defeated Gwent.

HW

## Brynhill Ladies' news

MUCH improved weather put a spring in the steps of many of our lady golfers, many of whom had apparently hibernated for the winter.

All competitions were well supported and the honours were widely spread.

**Results:**  
April 2 - Lady Reardon Smith Silver Salver: Winners, Margaret Codd and Glynis Gould, 44 nett; runners-up, Jo Kirkpatrick and Alma Sheppard 86.5 nett.

April 9 - Rose Bowl Par: Winner, Lynda Lloyd, +2; runner-up, Jo Kirkpatrick, par.

April 16 - Australian Spoons: winners, Robbie Lee and Margaret Codd, 29 points; runner-up, Helene Cook, 28 points.  
April 23: GUW Challenge Bowls and Guw Medal: winner

bronze division, Liz Fine, 74 nett; winner silver division, Lynne Bubbins, 74 nett.

April 30: Rabbits and Tigers: winners, Linda Hewlett and Linda Gershenson, 74 nett; runners-up, Sam Pascoe and Chris Jones, 77 nett.

The ladies second team recently played away at Pontnewydd and lost 4 and 1.

Lynda Lloyd and Shirley O'Donovan represented Brynhill Golf Club at Glamorganshire Golf Club in the preliminary round of the Mary Nichol Foursomes Competition. Brynhill had a good win 3 and 1; good luck ladies in the next round.

**Future events:** On June 6, Brynhill are holding a charity coffee morning with 10 holes of golf, various stalls and raffles. We hope to see members from other golf clubs.

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# GEM sport

## Dinas put to sword as Glyncoch win title

A fine sunny day to the north of Pontypridd saw victory gained by Glyncoch, allowing them to defeat second placed Dinas Powys and win the SWALEC Division 5 South Central title.

The home side has now gone 46 league games unbeaten and thoroughly deserve to win the title following another excellent season.

The 'Villagers' of Dinas Powys suffered a blow immediately prior to kick off as inspira-

tional captain Nathan Williams had to withdraw from the team.

The home side kicked off and applied severe pressure and scored a try within three minutes of the start of play. The conversion was successful and a long difficult afternoon in a hostile environment seemed to lay ahead for the youthful visitors.

The ship was steadied and after ten minutes Gavin Cooper kicked a penalty following a period of pressure that saw full back Nick Coles combine with left wing James Smith threaten the home try line.

The home side were

dominating the contest and enjoying the majority of territory and possession, however the 'Villagers' defence was repelling all that was thrown at them.

Second row Matt Knibbs was to the fore in this effort as he tackled ferociously and held up the ball carrier in the tackle and often gained the turnover for his side.

The loss of Knibbs just before half time with the score standing at 7-3 was a massive blow to the 'Villagers'; his replacement Nick Vaggas competed bravely but did not have the same bulk as Knibbs.

With a minute remaining before half time the home side rumbled over a rolling maul and scored their second try. The whistle blew for halftime as the conversion attempt narrowly missed and the home side led by 12-3.

The 'Villagers' kicked off the second half and ran the ball bravely; centre Dai Lloyd beat a few tacklers and threw a pass to his fellow centre John Evans the home scrum

half went for the interception and coach Andy Vesey breathed a sigh of relief as he knocked the ball on.

The referee deemed a forward pass to the surprise of all neutral supporters and from the resulting scrum on halfway the home side went through five phases at high tempo and crossed in the corner for their third try. The difficult conversion was converted and the 'Villagers' trailed by 19-3 after two minutes play in the second half.

The situation deteriorated further within three minutes as Glyncoch rumbled over through their well drilled forwards for a further try that went unconverted, and after 45 minutes of play the 'Villagers' trailed by 24-3.

There were to be no further scores for half of an hour as the 'Villagers' ground their way back into the contest showing true determination and pride as they contested bravely against a highly efficient

side.

The back row of Lewys John, Morgan Williams and Gareth Williams were magnificent in testing conditions defending and foraging with aplomb.

The 'Villagers' squandered scoring chances, as a lineup was driven over but the ball was dropped in the act of scoring.

A stunning break by the magnificent Coles was not completed as the difficult pass was not gathered by Smith. Dai Lloyd danced and fed Smith who was only held by his shorts that denied the pacy winger a deserved try.

Hooker Lloyd Horwood, always committed, continued with an injured shoulder, eventually moving to number 8 to protect his ailment, forcing the combative Vaggas to move to the front row.

The home side scored a try in the final minutes to emphasise their superiority and advance the final score to 29-3.

HJ

## Rhoose Lifeguards Nippers in charity fun swimathon



These young charity swimmers raised £700 for good causes.

ON April 26, members of the Rhoose Lifeguards Nipper team took part in a Swimathon at Font-y-Gary pool.

Dylan Goode, Oliver Wong, Ellie Peterson, Brooke Peterson, Taran Downton, Ethan Wall, Cian Davies and Emily Parker all completed an impressive 2.5km each - that's 100 lengths of a swimming pool! As a collective, they covered a total distance of 20km (approximately 12.5 miles).

Dylan, Oliver, Ellie, Brooke, Taran, Ethan and Cian raised money for

Marie Curie Cancer Care with Emily swimming for Parkinson's UK, and with club members and parents spurring them on and counting lengths, the eight swimmers raised over £700 in total - with money still coming in.

Thanks to Rhoose Lifeguards Club and Font-y-Gary Leisure Complex for supporting the event and thanks also to Light Bites who did the food for the hungry swimmers afterwards!

Well done, everyone involved in this event!

JF

## The Barrivale bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale, April 30:

1st Mike Close & Jane Brook 67.5%; 2nd Peter Millar & Diana Jones 60%; 3rd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 56.25% - Maureen Charlton & Helen Jordan won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

MB

## Barry RFC's awards evening

BARRY RFC's season finally comes to an end this Saturday for the first XV with a home fixture against promotion hopefuls Llandaff, kick off at 2.30pm.

The conclusion to what has been a long and tiring season for all involved will be the awards presentation evening, which will be held at the club house on Saturday, June 8.

Tickets for each section are available from the following (and are limited in availability, so buy early): youth - Mike Mepham; players - Ken Chow; ladies - Becky Boffy; others - Andy Jamieson.

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